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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The New "Antis"

IT is hardly imaginable that China's peasants, artisans, factory workers and students will hail the Peking Government's new security measures with shouts of delight. If made effective they will eliminate the last remaining vestiges of free thought, action and speech. They ape to the point of extremity the Soviet system of mass suppression and regimentation. The new measures are, in effect, an extension of and development from the original five "antis" which the Peking regime enforced with such vigour a few months ago. They were anti-bribery, anti-tax evasion, anti-theft of State property, anti-failure in fulfilment of contracts, and anti-theft of State economic secrets. Additionally was launched the "Anti-3 Movement" which aimed at anti-corruption, anti-waste and anti-bureaucracy. The new measures are of a more political character. The task now to be delegated to Security Committees is to promote anti-traitor, anti-spy, anti-fire, anti-bandit, and anti-sabotage movements throughout the whole country. Moreover there is to be a new campaign of "re-education". Nor is any section of Society to remain immune to this latest drive for regimentation and suppression. About to be enforced is the complete subjugation of the individual to the will of the State. And, it is to be noted, the mockery of the "People's Court" is to be applied in all cases where the "vigilance" of the Security Committees produces tangible results. For the masses of Chinese the future promises misery of mind and body, but whether they will be content to suffer the complete loss of personal freedom and independence of thought remains to be seen. The system which the Peking Government seeks to impose is foreign to the character of the Chinese, and its enforcement may prove to be not only difficult but impossible.

New Endeavour

THE United Nations Disarmament Commission is making yet another effort to find a common basis on which the world can begin disarming and atomic weapons can be controlled. It would be extremely comforting to be able to believe that something positive and tangible will emerge from the current discussions, but it must be admitted that Russia has to date shown no inclination to depart from her fixed attitude to the subject, and it is not likely that she will receive the latest suggestions advanced by the Western powers any more favourably than previous proposals. Quite obviously there is no will on the part of the Kremlin to help achieve world disarmament. Russia is much too determined to maintain her own vast military machine to give any more than lip service to the ideal of universal reduction in arms and weapons in a manner that is equitable. Mr Malik received the latest Allied proposals coldly and Russia's eventual rejection of them must be considered foregone. The consequences are inevitable: the Western powers must proceed with their defensive rearmament programmes solely and simply on the grounds of self-protection.

Canton Authorities Release Three Australian Aviators 20 MONTHS IN CAPTIVITY Arrive In HK By Train

Three Australian airmen — Ross Bohm, Dick Richmond and William James — who were captured by Chinese Communists after their Catalina plane had made a forced landing in the sea near Macao on December 15, 1950, arrived in Hongkong from Canton last night.

For more than one and a half years little or nothing has been heard about them. This morning, however, the Ta Kung Pao, reported that the three men were tried by a Canton Court yesterday, convicted, sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and ordered to be deported immediately.

The men arrived by train from Canton last night, and found accommodation at the Seamen's Institute.

Sarawak Latest

21 CHINESE ARRESTED YESTERDAY

Kuching, Aug. 12. Sarawak police today took into custody 21 persons, all Chinese, in the Kuching area, bringing to 28 the number of arrests under the recently proclaimed anti-terrorist emergency regulations.

Most of the arrests were effected in early morning raids on houses or near the capital. Documents were also seized.

The Acting Chief Secretary, Mr R. A. Snelus, said today that the Government was in touch with neighbouring British territories who had offered help.

He said equipment and arms were expected by air from Malaya.

(It was learned in Singapore today that senior police officers will fly to Sarawak this week-end to help with the investigations into the recent terror raids.)

Mr Snelus said the North Borneo Government had been asked to provide a contingent of police with officers. He thought the new state of emergency would be discussed this week at the periodic meeting of Southeast Asian Governors.

LONG KNOWN Mr Snelus said the Sarawak Government had long known of Communist activity within the colony—formerly the domain of the "White Rajahs" of the Brooke family. But until now the Government had had no power to deal with it.

The present emergency regulations were drafted about two years ago for enactment, whenever necessary.

No official Indonesian comment was available today on reports that terrorists had infiltrated into the British colony from the Indonesian side of the island.

But the Indonesian Foreign Minister asked its Consul-General in Singapore for further details of "reported terror raids by gangs calling themselves the Sarawak Indonesian People's Liberation Army."

The British Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, hinted yesterday that the instigation of the incidents might have come from "farther afield, from the Indonesian part of Borneo."

Reuter.

Heat Wave Deaths

Mexicali, Mexico, Aug. 12. Mexican officials said today that 30 persons died in this border town in the past five days as a result of a 120-degree heat wave.—United Press.

Children Cause 2,000 Fires

London, Aug. 12. More than 2,000 fires were started in Britain in 1950 by children playing with matches, fire research experts said today.

At least 35,000 of the 43,000 fires that occurred could be considered avoidable, they added in a special pamphlet issued by the Government's stationery office.

The chief causes of fire were smoking materials, ashes from open fires, flue pipes, electric heaters, slow combustion stoves, gas fires and candles.—Reuter.

Egyptian Regime's New Purge Committees

Cairo, Aug. 12. The Egyptian Government tonight formed seven new purge committees, with power to bring accused persons to trial without consulting the Public Prosecutor as the country awaited a new clean-up drive and introduction of reforms.

The new committees, which replace earlier ones, will have judicial powers of search, arrest and indictment.

One will deal with cotton futures and stock exchange, another with Palestine war scandals and a third with the distribution and acquisition of state-owned land. The others will deal with various scandals.

The committees have been asked to finish their work as soon as possible.

Earlier the Egyptian Commander-in-Chief, General Mohamed Naguib, announced that "complete understanding and full agreement of views" exists between him and the Government of Aly Maher.

General Naguib, "strong man" of Egypt's new regime, made his statement to reporters after a 90-minute meeting with the Premier. He said he had visited Aly Maher to "reach an understanding concerning the details of certain matters."

Headquarters of the General's Army Movement, which led last month's military coup, had earlier presented Aly Maher with sweeping demands for agrarian reform.

These include limitation of land ownership to 60 hectares and the creation of a new class of smallholders.

FOREIGN POLICY

Aly Maher told press correspondents today that the foreign policy of the new regime was based on "a sound appraisal of international relations."

He declined to discuss the Anglo-Egyptian dispute and Middle East defence plans. He said he hoped to be able to talk about them in the near future.

The question of Prince Farouk's eventual return to Egypt as an ordinary citizen was not at present under consideration, he said.

The fate of the ex-King's wealth and lands would be decided in accordance with the "relevant laws and regulations."

Mustafa Nahas, leader of the Ward Party and ex-Premier, today denied reports that he planned to leave for Europe and join his wife on holiday in France.

He declined to comment on political developments and merely remarked "We are closely watching the situation."

Aly Maher stressed the new regime's policy of Arab solidarity, recalling that he was among those who initiated the call for Arab unity.

He said the Arab states had already agreed upon "policy" concerning the Israeli problem.

"The strengthening of ties binding us to the Arabic and Eastern world is a prominent and important part of the Government's programme," he said.—Reuter.



A United States Coastguard photographer at Salem, Massachusetts, Air Station, took this phenomenal photograph. He was in the station's photo laboratory preparing to clean a camera, when he noticed several brilliant lights in the sky. He watched them for five or six seconds, then called another coastguardman in the nearby sick bay to come and see the strange sight. In these few seconds, the brilliant white of the lights had dimmed somewhat but when it suddenly brightened again, he grabbed the camera, clicked the shutter and this photograph is the result. Note the bars of light that seem to extend in front of and behind the round "objects" which appear in "V" formation. Many Americans believe them to be flying saucers.—London Express.

Disarmament Talks Offer By Western Powers

United Nations, Aug. 12. The three Western Powers announced today that they would agree to hold a five-Power disarmament conference if the Soviet Union and China would first agree to limit their armed forces to 1,500,000 men each.

In a new plan presented to the United Nations Disarmament Commission today, Britain, France and the United States appeared to open the way to a new approach in the deadlocked disarmament talks.

Draft Reply To Persia Studied

London, Aug. 12. British Cabinet Ministers today studied a draft reply to Persia's new proposal for negotiations with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company on claims and counter claims in the oil dispute.

The Ministers, comprising the Cabinet's Persia Committee, met at the Foreign Office with the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, presiding.

The Ministers present were: Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Supply, according to a usually well-informed source.

The general British standpoint, it is believed here, is still that Britain would wish to negotiate on the future operation of the oil industry and not on compensation claims only.

The main problem before Britain and the United States, which is believed willing to co-operate with Britain in making any possible constructive proposals to Persia, is whether to make definite concessions which would ease the economic situation of the Persian Government.

The threat of Communist control in Teheran is considered here as "very real."

The question is whether economic aid from the West even on a large scale, could bring stability to Dr Mohammed Mossadeq's Government.

The British reply to Persia's note is not yet ready for transmission, the source said.—Reuter.

EARTH TREMOR ROCKS TOKYO

Tokyo, Aug. 12. A severe earth tremor rocked Tokyo and the surrounding districts tonight. But first reports said there were no casualties.

The tremor was felt for more than ten seconds.

A Government seismologist said the tremor centre was about 50 miles east of Tokyo in the Boso Peninsula.—Reuter.

No US Decision On Manus Island

Washington, Aug. 12. The United States has not yet decided whether to accept Australia's offer to use the air and naval bases on Manus Island, north of New Guinea, Mr Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, said today.

He said it was a military question and would be decided by the military representatives of the three Anzus Powers—Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

A large naval base was built on the island by the United States during the last war. It was subsequently returned to Australia.

Mr Acheson was commenting at his weekly press conference on a statement made by the Australian Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Richard Casey, this week that he expected American ships and planes would soon be using the base again.

He said Mr Casey had raised the possibility of America's use of the base at the Anzus Council meeting in Honolulu last week.

Mr Acheson said there seemed to have been a lack of understanding on the true purpose of the Anzus Council meeting.

IMPLEMENTATION

It had been held to implement the Tripartite Treaty with Australia and New Zealand and there was no provision in the pact for the participation of any other nations. He said the three Governments had not been able to decide means as yet of broadening the Pacific relationship to include other powers.

In a prepared statement on the Honolulu meeting, Mr Acheson said he wished to point out again that the three powers had neither reached any decision nor undertaken any commitments concerning matters of direct concern to their friends in the Pacific or elsewhere.

"The United States has a mutual defence treaty with the sister Republic, the Philippines," he said.

"In addition, under our treaty with Japan, we have American forces stationed in that country."

"These treaties are all part of our continuing efforts to strengthen the peace and security of the Pacific."

"The United States has a deep and continuing interest in the peace and security of all the free nations of the Pacific area. We hope to continue to work with them as they may desire to work with each other and with us to the end that all the nations of the Pacific may live in freedom."

Mr Acheson said he believed the work of the Anzus Council would lead to even closer relationships with "our two good friends 'down under'."—Reuter.

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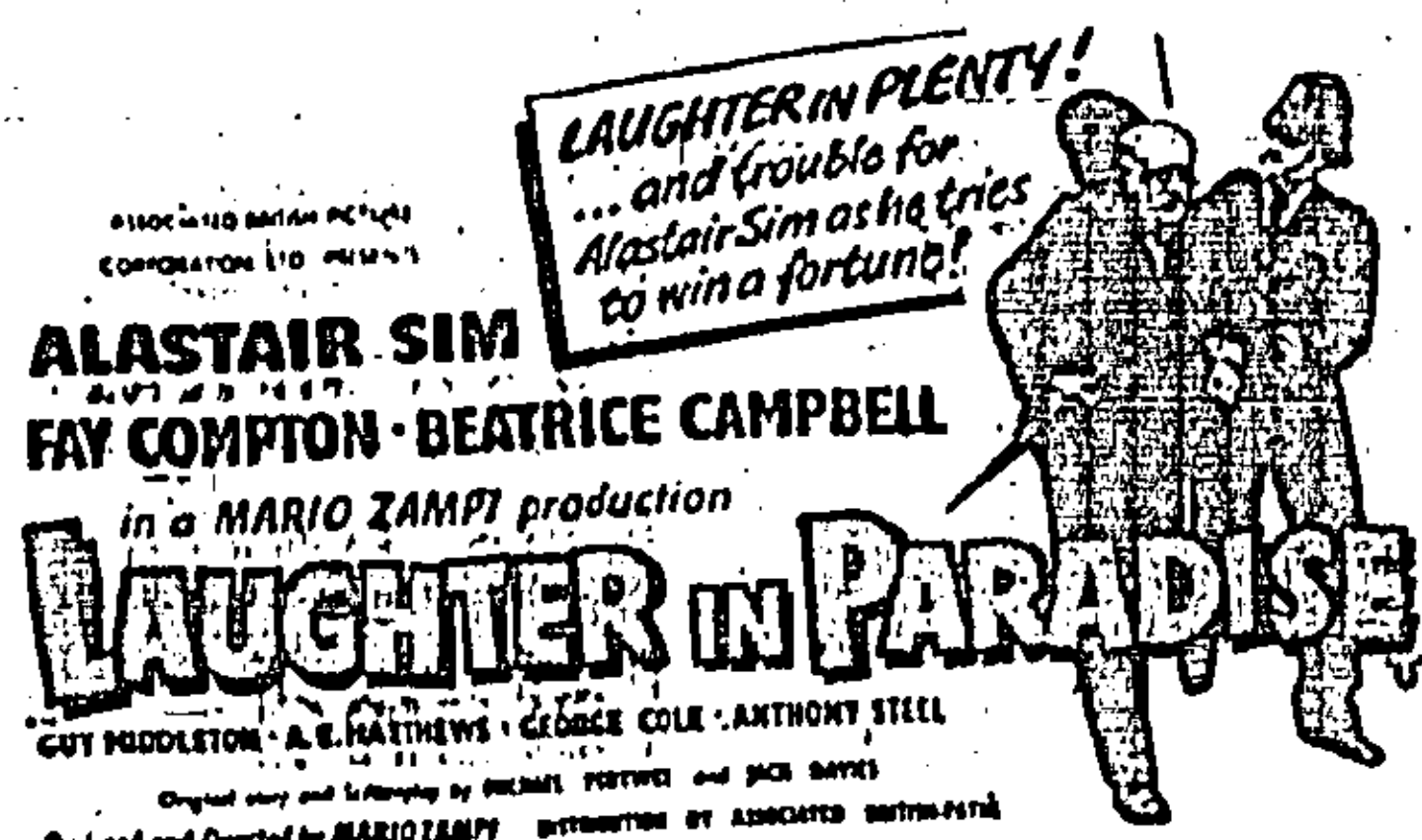
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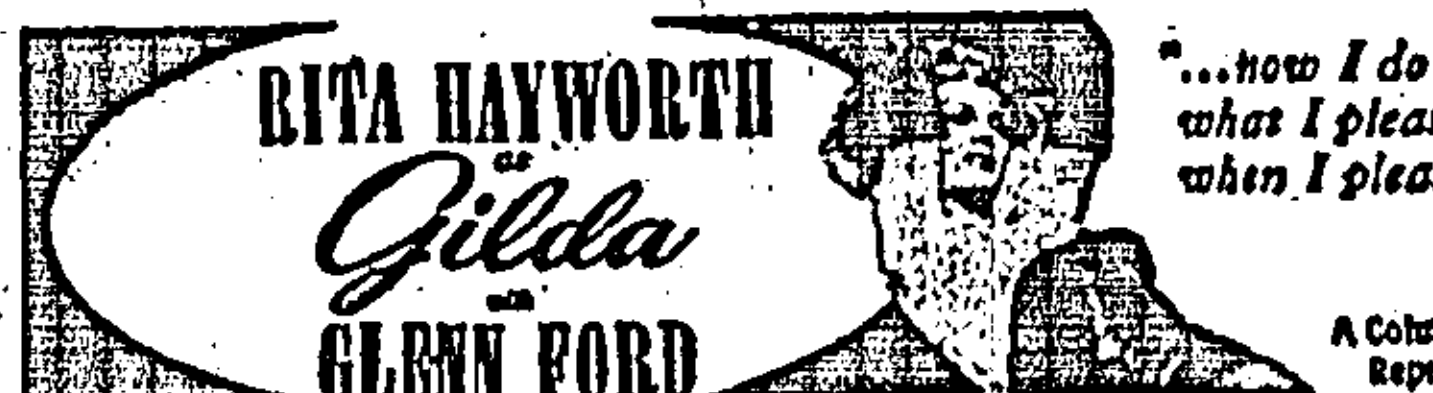
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Labour Peer Suggests "Grand Council" For Colonial Territories

London, Aug. 12.

Three points of general interest to the Colonies were discussed in the course of a debate in the House of Lords on the 1951-52 Report on Colonial Territories.

They were Lord Ogmores suggestion for a Grand Council of the U.K. and Colonial Territories; Sterling balances of the Colonies; "the ignorance" in Britain of the Colonial Territories.

The first of these were raised in the opening address by Lord Ogmores (Socialist), on whose motion the debate took place. In support of the creation of a Grand Council, he pointed out that self-government "must mean something different in respect of different Colonies."

One could not use the same criterion for Nigeria, with its population of about 30,000,000 and a large area, and for St. Helena which anyone could walk around in a morning, or less.

There were three types of Colony, he said. There was first the Colony which could and which they hoped would, in time, be a Dominion; there was the one which, combined with others, could become a Dominion; and the third which, either by reason of lack of economic resources or some multi-racial problem or the like, could never become a self-governing Dominion, could never stand on its own feet.

He did not say that the Grand Council would be the best solution, but it was a solution. And the Government had not put forward any solution. Those territories which could not be Dominions should be combined in a Grand Council which would meet every year and make recommendations to the various parliaments concerned.

The Earl of Munster, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Colonies, would this day have executive responsibility? Would it be an advisory body? Would it be the authority of the

Secretary of State? What would its responsibilities be?

Lord Ogmores—I would say that it would not have executive responsibility. It would not take away any of the authority of the Secretary of State over any of the Colonies concerned. It would make recommendations.

After all, the Council of Europe does no more than that; the United Nations does no more. It would make recommendations which would be very seriously considered by the Government concerned, and it would give an opportunity to the representatives of the Colonial parliaments to meet and exchange ideas. It would have a permanent secretariat by which the various economic and other problems would be considered from day to day.

We must remember that we are living in a changing world, and unless there is some body such as this which can hear the views of these people we are placed in great difficulty. If there is not such a body it will be necessary to have a series of ad hoc organisations to deal with each crisis as it occurs.

I do not want to pursue that idea at any greater length—this is a hair of a King Charles's head of mine. I mention it only because while your Lordships may not consider it so, it is the sort of problem with which we ought to be dealing—not how many raspberries will grow on Santa Lucia, although that is important.

His Ambition Was To Work For The Queen

London, Aug. 12.
Two days after landing in England, 23-year-old South Australian Donald Copp applied to Buckingham Palace for a job.

Two days later he moved into the Palace as a footman—valet—the only Australian on the staff.

Sobn he will take his turn as valet to Prince Philip.

At Royal Assent he drove as a footman in one of the Royal carriages, and he has travelled to Balmoral with the Queen.

Donald has to serve three months probation before his appointment is confirmed.

He says: "I hope it is. The job is most interesting and is a great honour."

Donald wears the navy, scarlet-trimmed uniform which is his duty dress at the Palace. The late King George's cphor is still on the pocket.

New Guinea Project

Canberra, Aug. 12.
The Australian Government is to provide technical assistance to expand the grazing industry in Papua and New Guinea to an annual output worth £2.10 million, the Commerce and Agriculture Department has announced.

The Department said arrangements were being made to introduce zebu breeding stock for experiments in developing a hardy beef-producing type of cattle in the Territory.

The Territories have 5,000 cattle and 1,000 sheep but vast areas of undeveloped grasslands now import about 2,000,000 lb. of fresh meat and 6,000,000 lb. of preserved meat every year.—Reuter.

German Envoy To Siam

Bonn, Aug. 12.
The Thal Government has approved the appointment of Dr. Gottfried Kaufmann as Federal German Republic Ambassador to Bangkok.

Dr. Kaufmann, who was until now the Director of the International Trade Company, is expected to leave for Bangkok in October.—France-Press.

Doctor's Attack On Maternity Home System

Melbourne, Aug. 12.
The system in many modern maternity hospitals where new-born babies are "secluded and labelled like snakes behind glass windows" while the mother lies lonely in bed, is attacked by Major-General F. H. Kingsley Norris, Director-General of Army Medical Services, in the Medical Journal of Australia.
Major-General Kingsley Norris said arguments that separating the mother and baby reduced infection were theoretical and had been proved fallacious.—Reuter.

Tokyo Shares At New High

Tokyo, Aug. 12.
An improvement in market sentiment, caused by favourable news, sent share averages spiralling to a new post-war high on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Gains were spread over the list with electric issues, mining and insurance leading the rise.

Speculative shares came in for some marked attention. Factors in the trend were relaxation of the ban on Japanese trade with Red China as a result of the five-power conference in Washington, the National Production Authority's grant of priority listings for purchases of US steel-making machinery by the four major Japanese firms, the Finance Minister, Mr. Hayato Ikeda's plan to issue special electric power and shipping bonds, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida's unexpected emphasis upon the need for Japanese rearmament in a speech before the Security Board.

As a result, the average of shares prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange stood at 204.71, surpassing the previous post-war high of 203.04.—United Press.

Latin - American Trade Figures

Washington, Aug. 12.
According to a survey by the National Foreign Trade Council, European and Oriental nations' exports to Latin America have increased considerably since early 1951, whereas United States exports were relatively unchanged from the similar period last year.

Latin - American imports jumped 142 per cent from Western Germany, six per cent from Britain, 30 to 60 per cent from Belgium, Holland, Sweden and France and almost 100 per cent from India and Japan.

Total American exports to Latin-America were \$2,744,000,000 in 1951 with that area still the largest supplier of goods to the United States, providing 81 per cent of US total imports compared with 33 per cent in 1952.—United Press.

Philippines Trade Fair

Singapore, Aug. 12.
The Philippines has invited Singapore and Johore to take part in the Islands International Fair in Manila from Feb. 1 to April 30.

The invitations were made personally by Arsenio N. Luz and Francisco T. Lopez, director-general and technical adviser, respectively, of the Fair, during calls on the Governor of Singapore and the Tenggik Marika of Johore State.

All friendly nations have been invited to contribute exhibits, the Filipino officials said, and acceptances have so far been received from the Vatican, Indonesia and Japan.—Associated Press.

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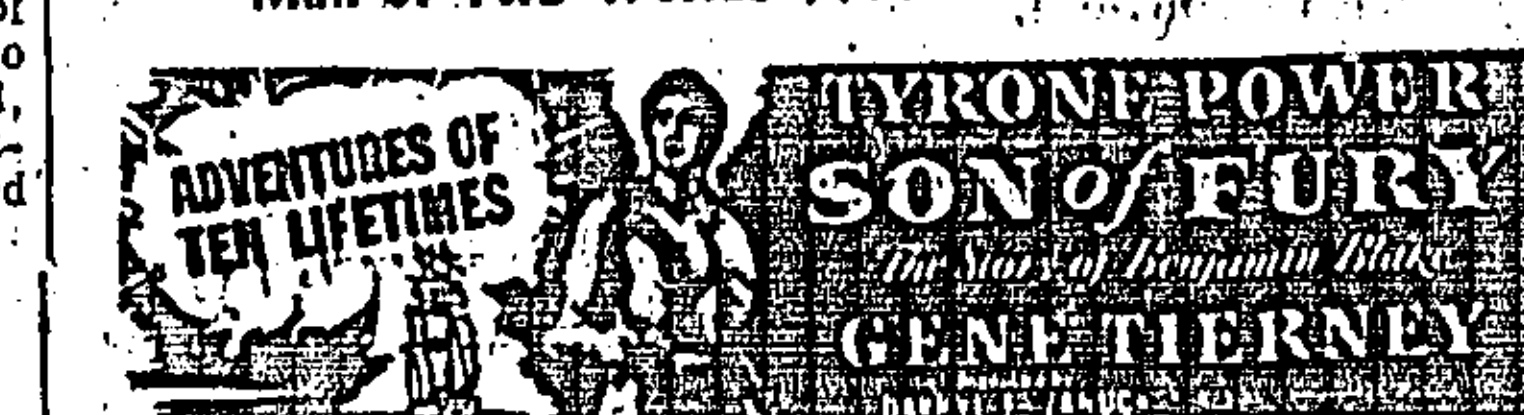
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More U.S. Airmen For Europe

Two Squadrons Of Marine Planes

Paris, Aug. 12. Supreme Allied Headquarters today disclosed plans to transfer American Marine fliers to Europe this Autumn to bolster Western air power covering the Mediterranean Sea.

The disclosure followed reliable reports that Britain had rejected proposals to place her Mediterranean fleet under the overall command of the United States Navy, and that the United States and British fleets now operate under separate commands.

General Matthew Ridgway's staff said two squadrons of Marine fighter-bombers, specially trained to support ground troops, would be assigned to the United States South Mediterranean Fleet as part of the increased air build-up in Europe this Autumn.

The two squadrons will number 32 planes, including jets.

They will have the twin mission of improving air defence and teaching the Italian Air Force the technique of close support that won the Marine fliers the praise of all nations fighting in Korea.

The Marines are due about the same time some Canadian Sabre jets will start arriving to take over a "top cover" mission for the Allied air forces in Central Europe.

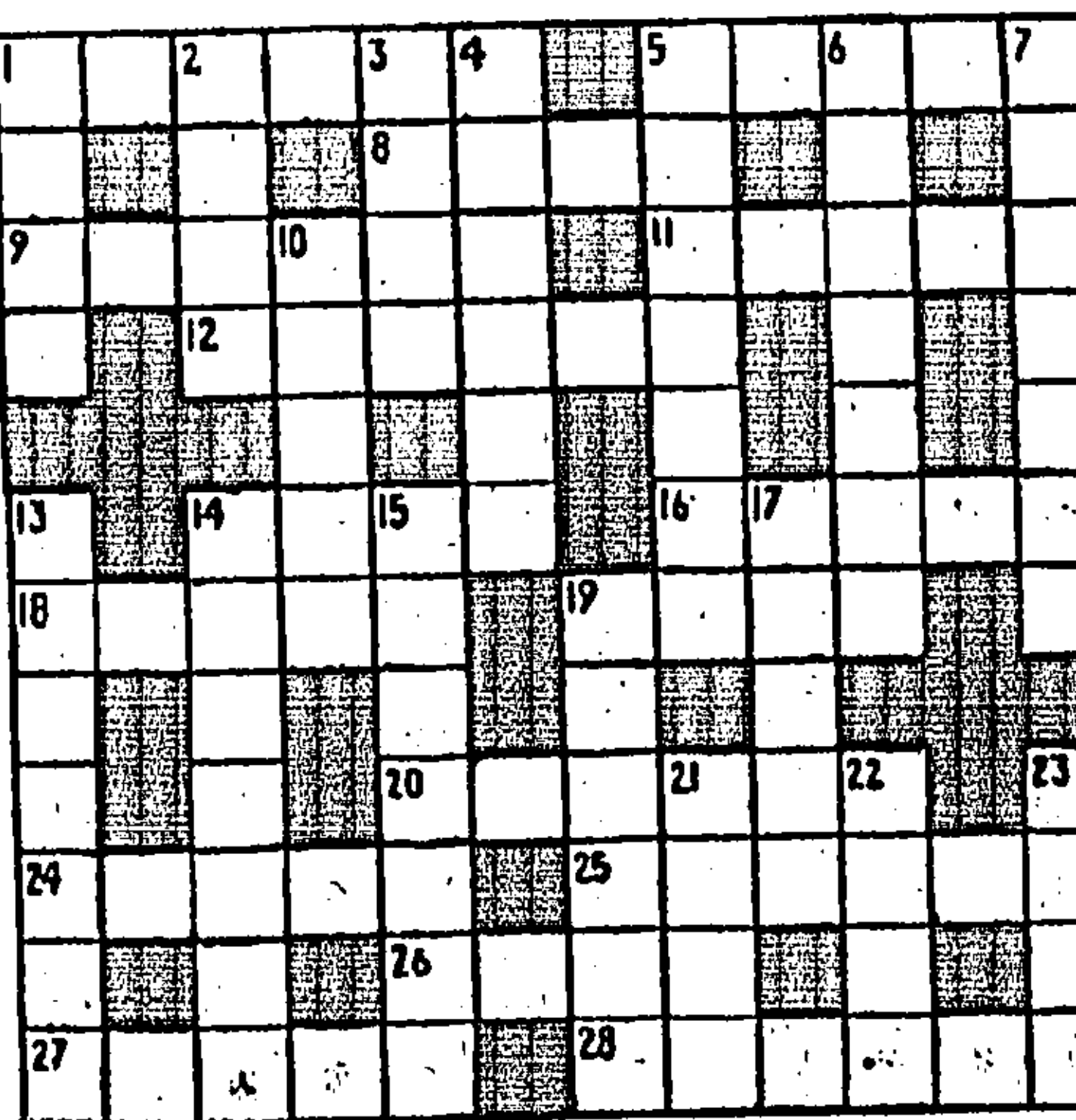
Their arrival will also coincide with the launching of a training programme in the ocean off Europe's north coast to improve the ability of Allied pilots operating off Denmark and Norway to chase and bomb enemy submarines in case of war.—United Press.

GROUSE SEASON NOW OPEN

Edinburgh, Aug. 12. Prospects are good for the grouse season, which opened today. On the island of Jura, however, golden eagles are blamed for reducing grouse stocks almost to the point of extinction while in other areas, crows have been the cause of loss to the grouse stock.

The Duke of Gloucester, who has rented a shooting in Strathnairn for the last few years and has now taken over the Farr estate in Inverness, will be among the first "runs" in the West Highlands.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Mend (8)
 - 5 Gallant (5)
 - 6 Scatter (6)
 - 11 Ventilated (5)
 - 12 Teaches (6)
 - 14 Unit of speed (4)
 - 16 Call forth (5)
 - 18 Avarice (5)
 - 19 Revise (4)
 - 20 Damsel (6)
 - 24 Tally (5)
 - 25 Eddying (6)
 - 26 Necessity (4)
 - 27 Distinction (5)
 - 28 Unruffled (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Rough (4)
 - 2 Over (4)
 - 3 Thought (4)
 - 4 Widow (5)
 - 5 Blew up (7)
 - 6 Fruit (7)
 - 7 Lasted (7)
 - 10 Liable (6)
 - 11 Disturb (7)
 - 14 Bird of prey (7)
 - 15 Remnant (7)
 - 17 Snake (5)
 - 18 Banishes (6)
 - 21 Dandy (4)
 - 22 Pleasant (4)
 - 23 Monster (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 1 Remit, 4 Dawdle, 8 Canine, 10 Erase, 12 Elated, 14 Starling, 17 Vest, 19 Volume, 20 Regular, 22 Lured, 23 Tinsman, 27 Relent, 29 Padlock, 30 Gentle, 31 Darken, 32 Lurid; Down: 1 Rocks, 3 Mandate, 5 Abort, 6 Disarm, 7 Events, 9 Elevate, 11 Revue, 13 Adorning, 15 Ties, 16 Roused, 18 Scare, 20 Ripped, 21 Girder, 24 Steel, 25 Utter, 26 Speed, 28 Lure.

European Army Conference Has Negative Outcome

Paris, Aug. 12. France, Holland, Luxembourg and Italy today refused point blank to consider a Belgian demand to increase their military service to two years — the period in force in Belgium at present.

It was understood in Belgian quarters here that the Belgian Government would shortly reduce the two-year period which led to strikes and demonstrations.

The six-nation European Army conference, including Germany, took less than two hours to decide to do nothing at this stage.

Ex-BAAG Man Beaten Up

Kingston, Aug. 12. Underground Jamaica Reds used bricks and bottles to beat up William Rupert Chang, former Hongkong resident, because he talked to the local Press about the Communists in China.

He was attacked when he and his wife went to a garden party given in a Chinese school.

Born in Jamaica, Chang was a member of the British Army Aid Group, and carried out dangerous work behind Japanese lines during wartime. Last week he told reporters of Red atrocities he had witnessed.

He said the Jamaica Chinese should not send gifts to relatives in China as these were confiscated by the Reds.—London Express Service.

OATIS CASE DISCUSSED

Washington, Aug. 12. President Truman today discussed the imprisonment by Czechoslovakia of the American journalist, Mr William N. Oatis, with a member of the United States delegation to the U.N. General Assembly.

The delegate, Dr Channing Tobias, Negro educator, lecturer and religious leader, told reporters afterwards there were no new developments.

Mr Oatis was imprisoned by the Czech Government after a trial on espionage charges. Efforts to gain his release have been unsuccessful.

"We are still hoping something may happen, but I am sorry to say I know of no new developments and I had nothing new to report to the President today," Mr Tobias said.—Reuter.

Purely A Businessman's Conference

Manchester, Aug. 12. The international conference on the cotton trade to be held in London and Manchester in September is expected to be purely a businessmen's affair, and the agenda will be limited to ways and means of improving trade under existing conditions.

Members of the Cotton Board here who are acting as hosts point out that any major policy decision, such as the division of world markets, are questions for governments to discuss rather than trade delegates at the forthcoming conference.

The Cotton Board says that the subjects to go on the agenda will offer ample scope for a discussion of the world recession in textiles and the present-day difficulties, including Japanese competition and the new threat of competition from Iran and Turkey.

Although no delegates from the rayon industry have been invited, many of the cotton industry delegates are experienced in the rayon industry and this industry's difficulties are certain to be discussed as well.

A number of informal meetings have been arranged to take place in Manchester, where the majority of the British cotton trade organisations have their headquarters.—Reuter.

Anthony Eden To Wed Tomorrow

London, Aug. 12. Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, today called at the fashionable Caxton Hall, Westminster, Register Office to make arrangements for his marriage on Thursday to Miss Clarissa Spencer-Churchill, niece of the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill.

They formally announced their engagement today.

After the news of the engagement leaked out last night, the 32-year-old bride-to-be moved into her uncle's official London home at 10 Downing Street, just across the road from the Foreign Office.

She had luncheon with her fiancé today, at his official home in the West End, Mr Eden said. "Even for the happiest man in London, this must be just another working day."

Mr Eden received a flood of congratulations from home and overseas, many from close friends, who had known nothing of the impending engagement.

The engagement ring is a large square emerald surrounded by small diamonds.

GOING TO PORTUGAL
An announcement from the Foreign Office, giving the date and time of the wedding, said the couple will spend their honeymoon in Portugal.

Exiled With Her Father



Princess Ferial, eldest daughter of ex-King Farouk of Egypt and his former wife, ex-Queen Farida, seen at Capri where she is staying with her exiled father and Queen Narriman.—Express Photo.

Aviation Needs Of Colonies To Be Discussed

London, Aug. 12. The future aviation needs of the Colonies will be discussed when 25 air transport experts meet in London on September 8 for a special Colonial civil aviation conference.

Every Colonial country has been invited to the conference, which will last a week.

Essentially, delegates will discuss the scope of air transport in increasing trade, opening new markets and attracting tourists.

But each region will lay its particular problems before the conference so that an overall policy dealing with Colonial aviation can be framed.

The conference will review progress made on airport development and the improvement of technical services since the "Jet" conference which last year discussed the new problems created by the jet era.

MR BUTLER NOT GOING TO MEXICO

London, Aug. 12. Mr Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will not lead the British delegation to the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, in Mexico City next month.

Instead, the British delegation will be headed by Sir Arthur Salter, Minister of State for Economic Affairs.

Mr Butler, it is understood, has made this decision so as to be in London for preparations for the November meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

A number of other Ministers have also arranged to be in London in September, in spite of the current Parliamentary recess.

They include the Marquess of Salisbury, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in his capacity as Deputy Premier, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Oliver Lyttelton.

Officials of the eight Commonwealth countries will meet in London in late September, for three weeks to prepare an overall plan for their Prime Ministers on all aspects of the Commonwealth's financial, trading and economic problems.—Reuter.

Tito Adopts Unique System Of Trade Control

Belgrade, Aug. 12. Yugoslavia has introduced a new system of foreign trade by remote control, designed to provide the maximum free trade compatible with Socialist planning and decentralised public ownership of production.

The system, which came into operation on July 1, is considered here to mark a final break with the previous system, borrowed from the Soviet Union, of directing foreign trade through centralised Government departments.

It seeks to contrive an import-export mechanism which will give the workers councils which run the factories and the co-operative farms their lead in foreign trade while at the same time ensuring that Yugoslavia's economy, especially its infant industries, will develop evenly and according to the overall "social plan".

The new system brings with it free dealings, within certain defined limits, in foreign exchange for nationalised enterprises, a novel departure, it is believed here, for any Communist-run economy.

The Yugoslavs believe that this will ensure a more equitable distribution of foreign exchange resources than the central government planners have achieved.

So far the demand for foreign currencies at the exchange centres opened by the National Bank in each of the capitals of the six Federal Republics has exceeded the supply. The free value of the dinar has consequently fallen from 840 to the 21 sterling, the official rate, to 920 dinars to the £1.

But the free rate will not be permitted to get out of hand, for the Bank is empowered to intervene to keep it at a reasonable level for its own reasons. The exchange centres at the various foreign currencies by itself selling or buying foreign exchange at the centres.

CENTRAL FUND
Furthermore nationalised enterprises are permitted freely to dispose of only 45 per cent of their foreign exchange earnings. They are obliged to sell 55 per cent to the National Bank at the official rate of exchange. This goes into a central fund to meet State foreign exchange requirements for national defence, the purchase of basic capital equipment for key industrial projects, diplomatic representation and other expenses.

Enterprises must dispose of the portion of foreign exchange to them within 90 days either by purchases abroad or by sale to other nationalised firms only through the exchange centres at the centrally formed rate.

Currency is bought may not be resold at the centre but only to the National Bank at the official rate of exchange. Dealing in futures is prohibited.

The fact that private individuals and foreign firms are excluded from the centres and that all foreign exchange transactions are effected through the National Bank by means of book entries makes speculation, the anathema of Yugoslav Marxist economists, virtually impossible.

Import and export licences have been abolished and, theoretically at least, any enterprise in the "Socialist sector" (comprising nearly 100 per cent of industry and about 25 per cent of agriculture) of the economy may deal directly with any foreign firm in any commodity.

EFFECT ON TRADE
But the special regulations have the effect of limiting the number of firms engaging in foreign trade and discouraging or even making prohibitive one type of import or export and encouraging another.

On top of this, the Federal economic authorities are empowered to ban any particular trade deal which they regard as damaging to local economy as a whole, though this right is only to be used sparingly.

Some 200 Yugoslav firms have so far been registered by the authorities as importers and exporters. Registration is obligatory, with some exceptions, on all those who wish to enter foreign trade. To become registered a firm must first convince the authorities that its staff is experienced enough to deal with foreign trade.

In addition, the firms must pay an annual membership fee of 80,000 dinars to the foreign exchange centres where all transactions above 300,000 dinars are permitted.

CO-EFFICIENTS
A newly-introduced device of co-efficients provides an indirect though powerful and automatic control on imports and exports similar to but not identical with customs tariffs which otherwise do not exist.

Commodities subject to import and export are listed separately and divided up into groups each of which is given a co-efficient of from 0.8 to 4 inclusive.

Firms exporting goods with co-efficients of less than one (unity) on the export list pay a tax but receive a subsidy if they export goods listed with co-efficients above unity. With goods on the imports list it is exactly the other way about.

Goods with a co-efficient of unity are neither taxed nor subsidised and do not appear on the lists.

The amount of tax due or subsidy chargeable is calculated by multiplying the co-efficient minus unity by the price of the commodity.

THE WATCHDOGS
The watchdogs of the new system are the National Bank, through which all foreign trade payments have to be made, and the customs, whose task is to see that the firms are registered and the co-efficient device properly applied.

Penalty for any breach of the basic regulations is a heavy fine of from five to ten million dinars.

Sixty per cent of exportable goods, including food products, are in the lowest range of co-efficients between 0.8 and 1.2. Five per cent are in the highest, including glassware, textiles, machinery, and certain chemicals which have a co-efficient of four.

Three per cent of importable goods, mostly luxuries including cosmetics and nylon stockings, have a co-efficient. Fertilisers, coal, hides, scrap and capital goods for key projects have a co-efficient of unity.—Reuter.

Japan May Lift Ban On Silk Barter

Tokyo, Aug. 12. The Japanese Government is considering lifting its ban on the bartering of Japanese silk for dollar goods, including cotton and sugar, the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry has announced.

The Ministry said that so-called "Hankow trade", which had been the mainstay of Japanese silk exports for the past month, was now declining rapidly for various technical reasons, thus jeopardising Japan's entire silk export trade.

To make up for the loss of "Hankow trade", the Japanese Government was now planning to permit barter deals, trading Japanese silk for such dollar goods as Cuban sugar and Mexican and Egyptian raw cotton.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry was also in favour of the plan.

The Agriculture and Forestry Ministry, however, expects strong opposition to the plan from Yokohama and Kobe shipowners because it will benefit trade firms engaged in both export and import trade, rather than shippers handling raw silk alone. It is also feared that importing countries may dump Japanese raw silk on the American market.

Such barter deals have been prohibited in the past for fear that ordinary exports of raw silk to the United States would be impeded but the situation has now changed. The Agriculture and Forestry Ministry said.

The Ministry also said that it was studying a project to give incentives for raw silk exports but such a measure would be a last resort.—Reuter.

Gift From Truman

Berlin, Aug. 12. President Truman has given an autographed copy of his book "Mr President" to the West Berlin Free University. The gift was handed to the University by Dr Evert H. Cline, chairman of the Christian and Jewish American Conference.—France Press.



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**HER DEATH IS NOT THE END OF A STORY
BUT THE BEGINNING OF A BIGGER ONE...**

Can Peron get by without Evita?

By Fleur Cowles

EVITA'S death has just given a year of grace to Peron. It is as if, in dying, she chose a legacy of life to leave behind for the man she once actually loved; then married, and ultimately took over.

The legacy is a bridge—a short, tautly drawn but narrow pathway—over the unattractive chasms that suddenly appeared before both Eva and Peron as she was dying.

The economy totters. Both friend and foe indiscriminately rot in gaol. The army, the Communists, the Fascists, and the oh, too few progressive politicians have been gathering against them, poised for anti-Peron action.

Disguised and often feeble, their plots and plans have grown increasingly more daring and increasingly more cocky.

The chances they take have been ineffectual up to now, but the box score of revolts and secret planning builds steadily with the increase in chaos in the Argentine itself.

A WEAPON

A year ago I thought Evita's death would be the instant signal of the end for Peron. I thought he would stumble and fall quickly, that his masculine ego would be lost without the immense moral factor of Evita's iron will and energy, and her unending, superbly staged public idolatry.

Today I not only know that this was emotional thinking. It is unrealistic.

Evita's blarney, surrounded literally and figuratively by mourners in a bath of sorrow and hysterics, is a powerful weapon for Peron.

On such organised mass-emotions great political goals have been reaped before, and the Peron regime is pastmaster at cashing in on such hoopla.

But afterwards...

I predict a bad time for Peron—and his great country—after this year of romantic mourning has seen its last card played.

One of two things will happen. First of all, Peron must always realise that the price of dictatorship is the danger of assassination. Any such attack from the army would be, of course, a fantastic break with

New York editor and also author of 'Bloody Precedent'—the book on the Perons which has been widely quoted as the saltiest woman-to-woman estimate of Eva Peron

a tradition which has kept him alive up to now. The army just does not like to shoot its own commander-in-chief.

But Peron is stacking up a monumental case for revenge against himself by imprisoning—on a gambler's scale—all ranking officers who have been suspected of involvement in plots against his regime.

Evita escaped the assassin's bullet, and died a more agonising death in consequence. But Peron may not.

The second and more likely fate for the Argentine is inextricably interwoven with the destiny of the Communist Party there.

THEIR PAWN

PERON is, at present, their most useful pawn and will soon become their captive—and that will be the death sentence of the Argentine itself.

No figure in power today has offered so much, so ready-made, and yet so heavily disguised, to the Communists. Just think of the patchwork quilt Evita and Peron have made of their once ruggedly individualist and powerful country.

The agricultural economy is ruined. The Communists must be laughing up their sleeves at the irony of the Peron victory in their war against the cattle and wheat growers.

The net result has been pleasant for the Communists. A rout from the farms, a staggering diminution of farm workers.

Though they wrecked the agricultural economy, the two Perons were not smart enough to build an industrial economy fast enough to take its place.

NO FREEDOM

As a result, the Argentinian meat and bread basket of the world is not only unable to make its export commitments, but is in a highly rationed meat and bread existence itself.

Communism is incipient on every emptying meat and bread shelf.

The money market is busted too. Paper money is being printed at a faster clip than a too-disinterested outside world

of the dreary, familiar Communist doctrine.

It would not take the Communists long to come out of disguise and into open power in the Argentine. I predict bloodshed when and if they do.

To understand this prediction it is necessary to understand the Communists at work anywhere in South America, and particularly under a dictatorship there.

The Latin-American Communists huddle next to "the man in power," pretend to protect him, echo his words, fight his labour fights, organise his clique, support his policy, and then take over.

This is happening right now in Buenos Aires.

MOURNING

SINCE the strong-arm lady who really ruled Peron as well as her land and who held labour in her own hands is gone, the man who remains alone is at long last their prey—and the Communists have the biggest gun ready.

That black band Peron wears on his sleeve may well be the mourning for the death of a golden Peron era as well as a golden blonde wife.

Sitting On The Fence

By NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS foreign hotel proprietors do not appear to be offering the same sycophantic welcome to ex-King Farouk now he has been de-throned I wonder if the playboy of the Near Eastern world would care to stay with his Uncle Nat for a while?

Although we could not offer him luxury in the Sea Nest, we could at least offer him a glimpse of life he has never seen before, and would probably never want to see again.

Of course, he would have to be disciplined after a life of self-indulgence. At first, he might sulk over his breakfast idleness, and would, no doubt, fly into an ex-royal rage when he understood that his ration card entitled him to one stale egg a week.

Mind with hunger at his first Sunday lunch, he might try to snatch the entire joint off the plate, though a sharp rap with a carving knife over fat knuckles would teach him that his Uncle's life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, is a strict believer in fair shares and has no respect whatever for VIPs.

At tea, having already wolfed his butter ration, he would have margarine toast, bloater paste and sticky buns, but if he tried to take the lot, another rap with a teaspoon would keep his hands in his pockets.

By supper-time he would be too nervous of a crack from the brand knife to reach for his share of beans on toast. After supper, despite his love of the gaming tables, his fingers would be too sore to deal a hand at ha'penny nap, the only card game his Uncle Nat can understand.

Empty and weary, he would then be put to bed in his Uncle's dressing-room. As the bed there is known as the Hog's Back, because the worn mattress springs make it rise in the middle and slope sharply at either side, he would spend most of the night falling out of it.

Even if he dropped off to sleep, he would soon be awakened by Lottie the Devil Cat, who jumps through the open window soon after midnight, like Cinderella after the ball, to sleep on the bed or its occupant.

It is only the tough training at the Brigade of Guards depot at Caterham that, after six weeks there, they either make a recruit into the world's best soldier or break his heart.

Much the same could be said of training at the Sea Nest, except that we could break Farouk's heart in half the time.

NOT TO ABOVE. According to a gossip column, and a possible misprint, Farouk's favourite companion is a night gambling parties was a courtier called Abdul El Ahmed Bey Bey.

He was also the origin of the song, "I Wonder Where My Boy Bey is Tonight."

Oops, pardon me

FROM a newspaper cooking recipe:—
Sauté Loaf: Remove crust from sandwich loaf, cut length-

wise into four slices. Margarine top and bottom slices. Margarine other two slices on both sides. Spread bottom slice with mayonnaise, top with chopped watercress and lettuce. Cover with slice that is margined on both sides. Spread with cream cheese seasoned with chopped onions. Cover with other slice margined on both sides. Repeat mayonnaise spread and salad layer. Cover with top slice, margarine side down. Coat top of loaf with mayonnaise. Cut at table into one-inch thick slices.

You can have my slice.

In darkest London

ON his arrival at Victoria Station, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the new Russian Ambassador, said: "I wish to be acquainted with the British people."

If he has been foxed by Russian propaganda, he has a lot to learn.

For instance, he may believe in the English boy who is the chief character in "The Ballad of Oxford Street," written by the Russian poet Kostyrev and recently broadcast, according to the BUP, on Moscow's radio.

Here is a translation of two of the verses:—

In Oxford Street a youngster stands

Aged twelve, with bright red hair,

He only dreams of food because

No food is ever there.

He holds a doll, a pretty doll

That can both laugh and cry.

One tug, a smile, two tugs, a tear.

"For a penny, sir, you try."

According to Kostyrev, the hard-faced men who are ignoring the starving boy in Oxford Street and letting "his consumptive mother lie on a bed of rotting straw," are stockbrokers walking to Threadneedle Street.

When Gromyko knows more about the geography of London, he will also know that the stockbrokers must not only be hard-hearted but pretty hard-up, if they have to walk all that way when the place is crawling with buses and taxis.

When he has read the facts and figures of juvenile delinquency in Britain, he will understand that the prostrate woman on the straw was probably somebody else's mother who was as fit as a flea until the red-haired boy hit her with a home-made cosh.

Later, when Gromyko has become acquainted with Giles's cartoons, he will appreciate that the following is a truer picture of British youth today:—

In Oxford Street a youngster stands

Aged eight, with bright blue eyes,

He holds a cosh in either hand

To sock the passers-by.

Sometimes he has a hand grenade

For aunts he cannot bear,

One tug, a pause, and then a bang—

And aunts isn't there.

—(London Express Service)

Nothing Extraordinary—So They Say

By CHRISTOPHER MAUDE-ROXBY

I VOLUNTEERED

London. Last-minute fear is never fully overcome. Above all, though, it is essential that every man has confidence in his equipment. For, in the words of the RAF Parachute Training School motto, "Knowledge dispels Fear."

During the first week of his course, the territorial is taught the three essential parachute techniques: correct exit from the aircraft or balloon, flight technique, and the correct method of landing.

Finally, after approximately five days' ground training, the first "jump" is made. Steel-helmeted, their parachute harnesses fitted tightly to their bodies, the trainees extend in the balloon cage in "flicks" of five. They are accompanied by an RAF sergeant instructor who ensures their static lines—the 100ft length of webbing that jerks the parachute canopy from its protective covering—are securely hooked up to the steel bar running across the roof of the balloon cage.

As the balloon rises and gently jerks to a stop at seven to eight hundred feet from the ground, you take your place at the door of the cage and brace yourself for the leap into space.

This is the moment when your feet feel like turns of lead, your knees become jelly, and your stomach queasy.

A sudden shout of "GO!" from a flap on the shoulder from

the RAF instructor and you are dropping through the air. You have jumped.

Your mouth jerks open as you catch your breath and your eyes bulge wide. You see your feet rise gently before your face when, feeling a tug at the shoulders and hearing a soft flapping noise, you glance upwards to see your canvas billowing open.

Girding to earth at approximately 15 mph, you prepare to land. With your chin tucked well into your chest, shoulders and back rounded, stomach pulled in, knees slightly bent and feet parallel to the ground, you pull down on the correct lift web.

There are four lift webs, lengths of webbing connecting the rigging lines to the parachute harness at the shoulders, which you use to steer with while in the air. By pulling on the two front lift webs you can glide forwards. By changing to the appropriate ones, you can drift backwards or sideways.

You steer yourself into the wind to lessen your rate of impact with the ground to make a softer landing.

As your feet touch the ground you allow yourself to fall, rolling over as you take the impact along the side of your legs, diagonally across the buttocks, and along the side of your body. This method of landing has cut injuries to a bare minimum.

Completely unselfconscious and lacking the halcyon of glamour and glory, TA parachutists are the people you meet in everyday life, your butcher, your grocer, the postman and the bus conductor.

At week-end "schemes," a friendly nonchalance, spiced with sufficient military discipline, prevails. The men arrive in parties by truck or train or come independently by car or motor-cycle.

Their aim is to get as many "jumps" as possible, and as long as the stock of parachutes lasts they keep on jumping. For them, parachuting is no spectacular feat. It is, rather, a sport to take the place of football or cricket. Any risks that might exist are accepted with a light-hearted disdain typified by the humorist who decorated his helmet with a large white X and the words "Dig here for Jones."

The Territorial Airborne Division came into existence in 1947. It is the baby of the Territorial Army.

A purely volunteer force, it offers monetary inducements to men from other units to join its ranks. These consist of the 4/- a day parachute pay. In addition to the normal Army rate, an extra £6 added to the annual TA bounty, and "jump money" of £5 for the first seven descents made in a year.

However, although parachuting is infinitely safer than crossing the streets of a busy town, it still inspires a certain fear. For, as the parachutes sing: "Glory, glory, what a hell of a way to die!"



"After you've finished the stew, dear, I'll tell you the funniest thing that happened to me in the kitchen today."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

IF you write your name back-wards on a piece of blotting-paper, and then hold it upside down in front of a mirror which will reflect it back from a second mirror, you might as well write your name straight-forwardly on a bit of paper, without any mirrors.

In other words a new eight-eared boat, in which the crew lies in the bow with mirrors attached to the sides of his head, is being tried. All the rowers have to do to upset this little scheme is to turn round in their seats and row the opposite way, watching the row through mirrors fastened to their backs.

Mrs Tumult bursts in

MRS SLOPPOONER was taken yesterday to the shop of Eugene's leading customer, to be fitted for the helmet and robes of Boadicea. By the error of a young assistant she was handed a dressing gown made for Mrs Tumult, the wife of the Vicar. As the foolish girl pressed herself in dressing-gown and helmet, who should come thundering in but the burly Mrs Tumult herself. "And who are you?" she asked. "This is Mrs Tumult, what is the meaning of this?" Apologies fell as thick as autumn leaves in Valhalla. "This lady," said Eugene, "is Boadicea, really apologetic. I don't care if she's Boadicea," shouted the Tumult. "Why she should wear a tunic!

helmet with my dressing-gown is a matter that needs a deal of explanation." With judicious dignity Eugene removed helmet and dressing-gown, and swept out of the shop like a Marquis side-stepping the gullotine.

Without comment

Walking from the old Unilever building to the new is like moving from Rome to Athens.

(Article in Sunday paper.)

Here and there

CLAIMING to be 793 years old, a Taunton grocer refused to descend from a ladder until his hat was fetched.

PEARL FREEMANTLE, Stockport's Laundry Queen, swam for eight minutes under water with an egg in her mouth. "It helps to stop you breathing," she said laughingly.

SIX abstract paintings, turned back to front, were exhibited at a Chelmsford show. They are the work of a Belgian brewer.

SIDNEY GELFORD, aged 48, famous in Wales for his very short arms and very long nose, has never blown his nose. "He cannot reach it," said his mother.

Tail-piece

Reindeer meat may yet prove a windfall. (Cookery article.)

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

BORN today, you are fortunate in being highly versatile and capable of carrying a number of projects to a successful completion at one and the same time. Your mental and physical powers appear to be equally vigorous, which means you will be good at both intellectual work and manual labour. This is an unusual combination, so it would be well for you to take full advantage of it. You are not, however, as patient as you might be when things do not go your way. You like everything—and everyone—to fall in line with your ideas instantly. If they don't, you are likely to get irritable, even lose your temper, and do so very easily. Let your naturally affectionate, you are always happiest when surrounded

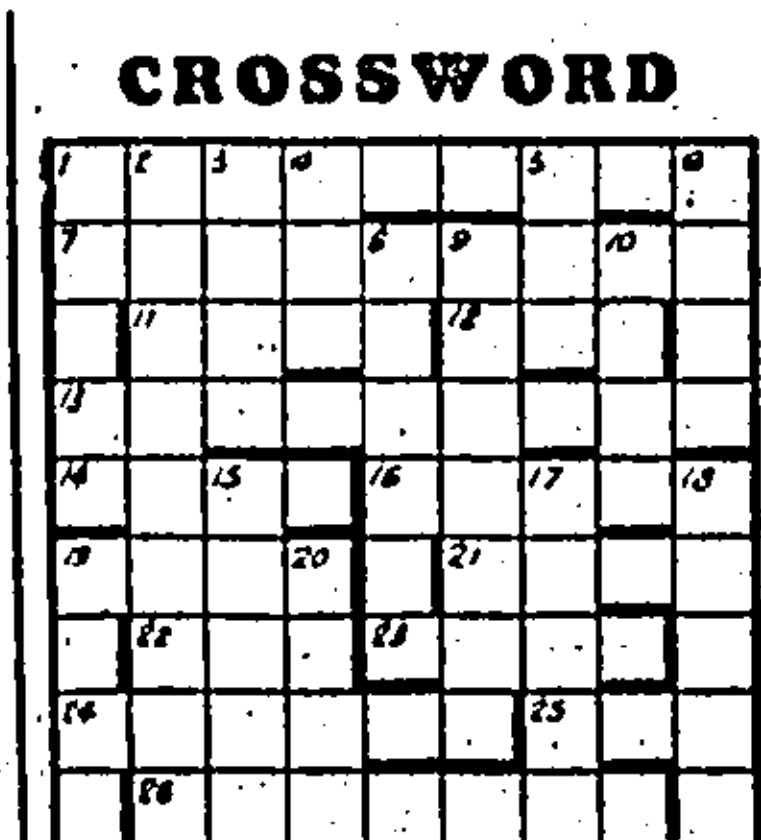
by your own family group. When you leave your home, it should be to wed. For without an established home to call your own, you become restless and discontented. You will want to be head of your own family, but since you are kindly, sympathetic and understanding, you are a right which others gladly give you. Guard against overwork, for your health is not as robust as you think. Tension is apt to cause trouble. Learn to relax at regular intervals; get plenty of rest; avoid overstimulation in either food or drink. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Independence is a rare thing to possess. Don't give it up for any reason whatsoever. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A fine day to spend with your family. Take them into your confidence over future planning. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A good evening to give a party, even if it is in mid-week. It should prove a successful one. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—There are restraining influences in your sign just now. Don't push against them. Wait patiently. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Catch up on all routine duties which are a real bore. They have to be done sometime, you know! CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't make a promise that you can't be sure of keeping. Keep a good as your word is important. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A new hobby may brighten your leisure hours. Creative arts can also bring contentment. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Things may seem to be moving at

a snail's pace. There's nothing you can do today but be patient. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Avoid acting on impulse. Consider cause and effect. Action is much the better plan right now. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't permit yourself to worry about things which you cannot help. It just wastes energy. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—It is silly to let yourself be apprehensive about the future. The future of today and all will turn out well. CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be careful in all details concerning a new contract, otherwise a misunderstanding might arise.

CROSSWORD



MYTHOLOGICAL

By T. O. HARE

"THE names I'm proposing for my four sons," said Betty, "are OPERA'S MICE, PRIMA'S HOPE, YOUTH'S HOPE, and YOUTH'S HOPE." "Surely we can do better than that," said her father. "There are two cats after two mice, aren't there? After some thought she produced four familiar names—each of ten letters—derived from Greek mythology. She had resumed the letters of the four names suggested by her father.

What were Betty's four names?

(Solution on Page 10)

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

In France, men's neckties resembling milk are made of rubber. Snappy numbers!

It's bad enough to go to law with your troubles, but worse to go to law with your troubles.

Some men marry to have someone to tell their troubles to and spend the rest of their lives listening.

JACOB ON BRIDGE

Watch Your Use Of
Psychic Overcall

By OSWALD JACOBY

PROBABLY every experienced bridge player is familiar with the psychic overcall of one no-trump based on a long "escape" suit. An example is provided in today's hand. South overcalled with one no-trump, expecting to run out to hearts if he got doubled.

This idea, although it cannot be expected to deceive experienced opponents, sometimes produces good results. If your opponents happen to be just out of school, you may talk them out of the hand.

Even against naive opponents, however, this psychic overcall is unsafe if you are vulnerable; and is particularly dangerous if you are vulnerable and the opponents are not. This hocus pocus is most effective when you are not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents.

When today's hand was actually played, West happened to be a very experienced player. As the bidding indicates, West was not deceived for a moment. In fact, North was the only player at the table who didn't know what was going on.

When North bid three no-trump (a doubtful raise) South had to

scramble back to four hearts. This was promptly doubled, and South was severely punished for ignoring the vulnerability.

West opened the suit, ruffing the third spade with one of his low trumps. The leader then led a diamond and two clubs, setting the contract three tricks.

East and West found it very pleasant to chuck up 300 points as the result of this hand. It was even more pleasant when they realized that if they had been left to their own devices they could not even have made a game.

CARD YENDE

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass

2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass

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Jet Age Style & Double Top



JET AGE STYLE: Hat for the jet age, with wide sweeping wings, shown in the Edward Marvane Autumn collection at London. It's in a new Nylon pan fabric to be marketed for the first time in this model, with beige mesh netting veil.—Reuterphoto.

DOUBLE TOP: And sure to score heavily with the gentler sex is this two-layer hat in black panne and maize Melusine, designed by Madge Chard for autumn wear. The hat is trimmed with black veiling and flaunts a coque tail back. Need we add it's called "Double Top"?—Reuterphoto.

RECIPES OF THREE

ROLL: American piecrust to a scant 1/4" thickness; cut in 5" squares. For a filling mix 3/4 lb. chopped beef and fresh pork or veal with 2 tbsp. minced onion. Fry in 2 tbsp. fat, separating the pieces with a fork. Stir in 1 tsp. enriched flour, 2 tsp. water, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. monosodium glutamate; cook 1 min. Put 1 heaping tablespoonful in the centre of each square. Fold to make a lucky 3-cornered patty. Press the edges together with a fork. Place on an oiled pan. Brush the tops with 1 egg yolk mixed with 2 tsp. milk

for the rich glaze. Slash the centres to let the steam escape. Bake 25 min. in a hot oven, 400 F.

3-Fruit Compote

In large sauce dishes make a chicle arrangement of 3 chilled cooked prunes, "double-3" tangerine sections (recipe follows), and 3 green gage plums.

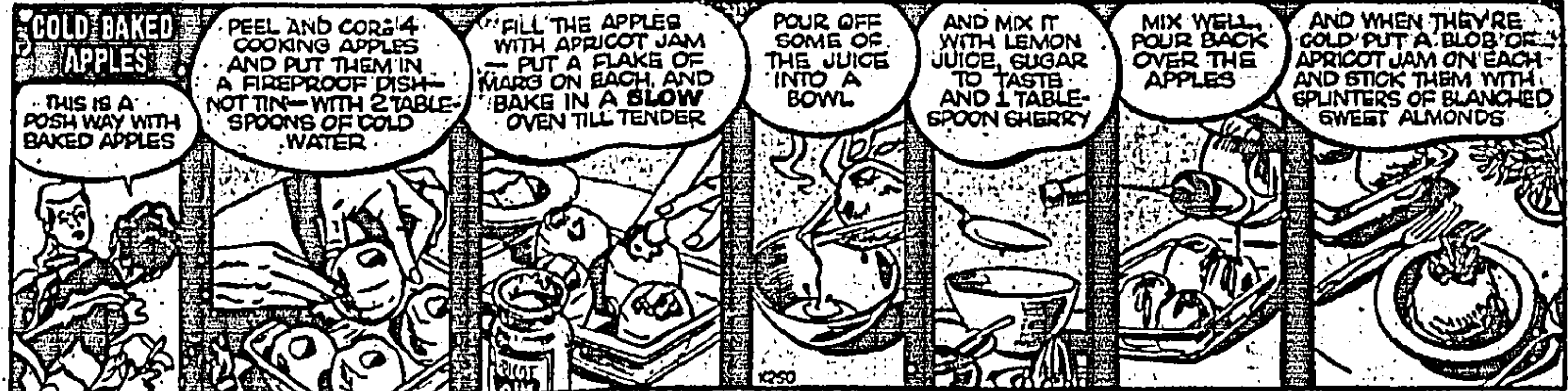
3-Greens Tossed Salad

In a salad bowl combine 6 c. coarse-cut lettuce and romaine, and 1/2 c. young onions in 1/2 lengths. Edge with whole young

onions with the green stems sticking up like fence-posts. Dress with 3 tsp. oil, 1 tsp. vinegar, and a little salt, pepper and dry mustard.

Tangerine Compote

Wash and peel 6 medium tangerines. (Save the skins of three.) Separate the sections; remove all white fibre. Combine 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 c. water, 3 whole cloves, 1 (2") stick cinnamon, and the 3 tangerine skins. Boil 10 min., then remove. Add the tangerine sections; boil 1 min. Cover, cool and add 2 tsp. lemon juice.



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Simple Simon Isn't So Simple

—The Shadows Didn't Know the Answers, Either!

By MAX TRELL

Mother Goose, "If you and Knarf could help him!" After promising Mother Goose that they would do their best to help Simple Simon, Knarf and Knarf climbed up to the shelf where the Mother Goose Book was standing, and crept inside. They soon found themselves in Mother Goose's lovely old-fashioned garden. Mother Goose herself was sitting under the shade of an apple tree.

"Simon's in the back, waiting for you," she said. "Poor boy, I do hope you can help him." Again Knarf said that she and Knarf would try their best.

Then off they went to find Simon, whom they soon saw sitting on the top rail of the wooden fence, with his long legs dangling to the ground, and his tattered hat waving around in the wind. He was holding a big fat book open in front of him, and was turning the pages as fast as he could.

On seeing Knarf and Knarf, Simon said: "Hullo!" in a very gloomy voice.

"Why Simon, what is that book you're reading? It certainly looks interesting!"

"It's 'dunno,' replied Simon. "It looks interesting maybe, but it doesn't make any sense."

"Why Simon?" Knarf exclaimed. "You're holding the book upside down!"

"Hm, no wonder it didn't make any sense," said Simon. He turned the book the right way and smiled. "Yes, it makes some sense now. But anyway," he added the next moment as the smile faded from his face, "it don't seem to be able to answer the questions in this book. They're all too hard."

Knarf and Knarf told Simon to read them some of the questions. So Simon turned to the beginning of the book and read the first question: "Why is water wet?"

Simon paused as he looked hopefully at his two friends. "Well," he said at last, "why is water wet?"

To their annoyance, Knarf and Knarf both had to admit that they didn't know.

"The only reason I can think of," Simon said, "is that if water wasn't wet, it wouldn't be water." Knarf and Knarf said that was as good an answer as

any, so Simon turned to another page and read another question. "Is a zebra white with black stripes, or is it black with white stripes?"

Knarf and Knarf couldn't answer that question, either.

"I'm pretty stupid, I guess," sighed Simon, "but I don't think the zebra knows either. All the zebra knows is that he's a zebra, and he knows that inside of him, where he hasn't got any stripes at all!"

Simon turned to the last page in the book. "This is the hardest question of all," he said. "Why doesn't the sun shine in the nighttime? Instead of in the daytime?"

Knarf and Knarf and Simon all looked at each other. Then they all said together: "If the sun shone in the nighttime, the nighttime would be daytime, and the daytime would be nighttime!"

But suddenly they stopped. "I'm very stupid," said Simon. "So are we," said Knarf and Knarf.

And when they passed Mother Goose again, Knarf and Knarf had to tell her that all in all, Simon knew his lessons as well as anyone they could think of, and let Mother Goose to figure out whether that was good or bad.

Don't wash pottery cooking utensils; wash them in hot soapsuds immediately after use.

Paris Fashion Designer Suggests Proper Garb For Visit To France

Paris. Fashion designing's youngest rising star has some blunt advice for women tourists who plan to come to Europe this summer and use their arms as coat racks while they see the sights.

"Leave your coats in the closet," 25-year-old Hubert de Givenchy proposed. "Wear stoles instead."

De Givenchy, who stands six feet six inches in his stocking feet, made himself famous in Paris this season by proving that fashion can be simple and still be fashion. He holds that "streamlined travel schedules demand streamlined wardrobes."

His designs generally should be practical, travel ensembles should be even more so, he said.

His anti-coat dictum allows only one exception:

"Take a raincoat. That's practical. It may rain."

He suggests a black raincoat, lined with a gay paisley.

For the rest, "take plenty of shawls and stoles for both daytime and evening," De Givenchy says. "They'll keep you warm if it gets chilly, they look pretty and they're easy to pack, which is important."

De Givenchy makes them of white pique lined with a colorful organza; of wool jersey bordered with a fringe, or of lace brightened with glittering jewels which match a cocktail dress.

For plane, train or boat, wear a wool jersey suit with a pique blouse and you'll stay cool and uncreased, De Givenchy says.

No matter where you go or how much you spend, "take plenty of skirts and blouses," is

De Givenchy's advice. Skirts of linen, poplin or cotton pique are mated with blouses of black jersey or white "turtling" with sleeves decorated with eyelid ruffles.

Nylon-pleated skirts are also a wise choice in De Givenchy's opinion.

For daywear, De Givenchy prefers simple high heel shoes or his new flat "savates" in linen or raffia. Often with no back, they have toes which are elongated and knotted or curled, sometimes with a frisky pom-pom on the end.

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Roomy Bag Advised

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1,000 FOOTBALLERS ARE ON THE TRANSFER LISTS

Testing Period Ahead For The Financially Weak Third Division Clubs

For the past few weeks England's 3,000 professional and semi-professional soccer players have been under intense training in preparation for the struggle for Cup and League honours in the 1952-53 season which opens on August 23.

Housewives engaged in their daily shopping expeditions see groups of sun-tanned, athletic-looking men in track suits pounding the sidewalks in the streets near the local soccer ground, wise-cracking to the women as they trot along.

This is one of the early phases of the players' training, which includes strenuous calisthenics in both the club gymnasium and on the soccer ground.

Ball practice will be the last stage of the training schedule when matches will be held between the "Probables" and the "Possibles". In other words, the first team versus the reserve side.

The forthcoming season will be a testing period for most clubs, especially the financially weak Third Division outfits, whose officials will be watching the size of the attendances.

THE BOOM IS OVER

The post-war soccer boom in now definitely ended in England, and the clubs have again been forced to raise the price of admission as a result of the Government introducing a new scale of entertainment tax.

Rising costs and decreased attendances which slumped by 500,000 at all Football League matches last season—more than offset last season's increase of the admission fee.

Most managers evidently fear smaller attendances. In consequence, they have already taken steps to meet such a situation. Among them is a reduction in the size of playing staffs.

Since the season ended last May more professional players have been placed on the transfer list than ever before. It is estimated that 1,000 professionals—one-third of the total in the Football League—have been looking for new clubs to employ them.

Their transfer fees range from £10,000 to nominal amounts of £500, which would give the transferred player the share of the benefit due to him after three years with a club.

CUT IN PLAYING STAFFS

The cut in playing staffs is most noticeable in the Third Division. Mr. George Hurley, Secretary of the Football League, said that the Second Division last May, said, "We have cut our staff to 26—six less than last season."

At present the "big shots" of the First and Second Divisions are waiting to see the effect of the increased admission prices before taking any economy measures.

Ironically, most of these clubs report that the demand for season tickets has been as great as ever, but it is the fans in the cheaper parts of the ground who are the "life blood" of the game. And how they will react to paying more to see their favourite sport remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, the giants of the Football League are enthusiastically looking forward to a successful season, although very few of them have made any startling changes in their line-ups of last season.

Winners of the League Championship, Manchester United, face the opening of the season full of confidence and optimism. The club has a wealth of junior talent ready to bolster the line-up at the first opportunity.

ITALY WINS UNDER-20 TOURNAMENT

Vichy, Aug. 12. Italy defeated France 4-1 today to win the Guler Cup tennis tournament for players under 20 years of age.

In the final singles match, Antonio Maggi (Italy) defeated Xavier Ferrer (France) 6-4, 7-5.

In the penultimate match, Klichols Pietrangeli (Italy) defeated Gerard Pilel, 7-5, 6-1.

Germany defeated Belgium three to two for third place. Mezi (Belgium) beat Von Morgen (Germany) 6-0, 6-2, while Pottinger (Germany) defeated J. H. Froment (Belgium) 6-0, 6-2. Associated Press.

Commenting on the coming campaign, the Manager of the team, Mr. Matt Busby, said, "We hope our blend of experience and youth will carry us through to something big again. If it doesn't, it won't be for the want of trying."

The second team to carry off honours last season, Newcastle, who won the FA Cup two years in succession, also anticipate another good season. But fans are already asking whether the team can maintain the strain of another season, particularly as no new blood has been introduced into their ranks.

PUT TO THE TEST

Newcastle recently concluded a strenuous tour of South Africa, which allowed the players only a few weeks' rest. In consequence, their fans believe that the team will be faced with the danger of stalemate.

This belief will be put to the test in Newcastle's first home match when they face the virile London team, Tottenham, which narrowly missed the League title last season.

Tottenham's failure to clinch the League title was blamed on the number of points dropped in

home matches, when rain turned their pitch into a virtual swamp.

They are taking no chances this season. A complete new pitch, costing £10,000, has been laid down during the close season. This should enable the Spurs to continue playing their "along the carpet" soccer in the worse of the rainy weather.

One team which will be closely watched by fans this season is Chelsea, whose play for many seasons has been the source of jokes for vaudeville comedians. However, big things are expected of this team this year.

With the retirement of their veteran manager, Mr. Billy Bliwell, the post-one of the most lucrative in English League soccer—has been given to Ted Drake, the former Arsenal centre-forward, who resigned his successful managership of the Third Division club, Reading, in the hopes of instilling new life and enthusiasm into the London team.

Drake, who was one of the most dashing centre-forwards in the game, is confident that with the talent at his disposal he will make the vaudeville comedians look elsewhere for football jokes by the time the season ends in May 1953.—United Press.

America's Tennis Players Will Probably Wind Up Underdogs In Their Own Championships

New York, Aug. 12. Uncle Sam's tennis players will probably wind up as underdogs in their own National Championships later this month in the face of another invasion by crack Australian players.

Frank Sedgman, blond-haired top-man of the Australians' Davis Cup team, took the United States title "Down Under" last year. And now Ken McGregor, another blond basher from the Antipodes, is being named as one of the favourites for this year's Championship at Forest Hills.

McGregor gained in favouritism this week by whipping Sedgman in the finals of the Eastern Grass Courts Championship at Orange, New Jersey.

Furuhashi Sets Himself A Job To Do

Tokyo, Aug. 12. Hironoshin Furuhashi, the "flying fish of Fujiyama," will devote his future efforts to the training of new Japanese swimming aces.

"My whole efforts hereafter will be to concentrate on the training of the younger generation to make the Helsinki dream come true," Furuhashi wrote in a letter to the Japanese Kyodo news agency from Europe.

The Japanese swimming ace, who suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of the Frenchman, Jean Boiteux, and other swimmers in the Helsinki 400 Metres Free Style race, said he intends to retire from active competition in his letter. He asked for the "co-operation of all to help me in the building up of a new set of able swimmers to regain our prestige in swimming events."

Despite his defeat, Furuhashi's world record of 18 minutes 18 seconds in the 1,500 metres still stands officially.

Furuhashi also wrote in his letter to Kyodo that during the final practice at Helsinki his body felt "like a log."

Since his defeat, Japanese sports writers have given all kinds of excuses for Furuhashi's defeat, but the good sportman said he "has no intention of presenting an alibi."—United Press.

It was the second time this year that McGregor has beaten Sedgman who is frequently referred to as the world's greatest amateur player. Sedgman fell before his lanky compatriot in the Australian Championship last winter.

Interviewed following his latest victory over Sedgman, 23-year-old McGregor admitted that he would like to take the United States title back home with him next month.

"But it is hard to say how I will be playing at that time," said the quiet, soft-spoken Australian youngster. "My game may improve or fall off. You never know in tennis."

LUCK OF THE DRAW

McGregor also pointed out that his chances at Forest Hills may well depend on the luck of the draw.

"I suppose Sedgman and I will be too seeded in the foreign list and it all depends on who will be ranked one and two in the national seedings. I would like to win that title though."

The handsome Australian was then asked if he had seen any young United States players who stood out as threats for the National title.

"I cannot say that I have," he answered, "quite candidly. But we have not played in too many tournaments during this trip."

McGregor, who stands six foot three inches, looks more like a football player than a tennis star. In fact, he did play a good deal of football in Australia before turning to tennis.

During previous visits to the United States some experts claimed that McGregor had an erratic service but he has been practicing hard on this phase of his game.

"I think I am playing about as well as I have always played," he pointed out, "but my service has probably helped my

LEYTON PREPARE FOR THE NEW SEASON



Tommy Harris, Les Blizzard and Bert Hawkins, a trio of Leyton Orient FC players, seen in training for the resumption of the soccer season.—Express Photo.

SURREY SCORE AN EXCITING EIGHT WICKETS VICTORY OVER MIDDLESEX

London Aug. 12.

Surrey made their position at the top of the County Championship table almost impregnable by an exciting eight wickets victory over Middlesex at the Oval today.

Surrey, with 224 points, are now 52 points ahead of their nearest rivals, Yorkshire (172 points), who have played one more match.

Yorkshire can only pass Surrey now if they win all their remaining five matches and then only if Surrey fail to gain another outright victory this season.

Yorkshire failed to gain any points in their rain-curtailed match, which ended today. Sussex posted their first innings total with five wickets in hand and so took four points.

No other County is within striking distance of the leaders, though Derbyshire (144 points) and Lancashire (140) could both overtake Yorkshire.

At the other end of the table, Somerset (40 points) were beaten by Glamorgan, while Nottinghamshire (44 points) lost their first innings points to Worcestershire.

Surrey's victory was their second over Middlesex by eight wickets this season and brought their total of wins to 18, five more than Yorkshire. Once again their all-round ability was shown, for after dismissing Middlesex for 152, they had little difficulty in scoring fast to work off the 101 runs needed for victory in 63 minutes, with seven minutes to spare.

Had any Middlesex player been able to stay for long with Denis Compton, Surrey might easily have been forced to be content with first innings points.

Compton defended stubbornly and stayed at the wicket for two hours and 55 minutes and when the Middlesex innings ended was unbeaten for 43.

A fast bowling partnership of 60 in 33 minutes between Laurie Fishlock and Peter May took Surrey to victory after the first two wickets had fallen for 42, with the County a little behind the clock.—Reuter.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

London, Aug. 12. Close of play scores of today's cricket matches were: Gloucestershire 198 and 47 for seven wickets declared. Indians 138 and 108 for four. India won by six wickets.

At Portsmouth—Lancashire beat Hampshire by 25 runs. Lancashire 133 and 208 for eight declared. (Grove 54, Washbrook 60). Hampshire 150 and 100 (Harrison 51, Tattersall eight for 71).

At Loughborough—Leicestershire beat Kent by nine wickets. Kent 132 and 102 (Evans 70, Jackson four for 25, Welsh three for nine). Leicestershire 200 and 20 for one.

At Southend—Essex drew with Warwickshire. Warwickshire 228 and 208 for seven declared (Gardner 60). Essex 153 and 108 for eight (Townsend five for 47).

At Bradford—Yorkshire drew with Sussex. Yorkshire 187 for four declared (Watson not out 50). Sussex 188 for five (Sutcliffe not out 89).

At Nottingham—Nottingham drew with Worcestershire. Worcestershire 308 for six declared (Kenyon 171). Nottinghamshire 100 (Hardsart not out, 62, Jenkins five for 39) and 20 for one.

At Weston—Super-Mare—Glamorgan beat Somerset by 50 runs. Glamorgan 220 and 100 for nine declared (Hazell three for 18). Somerset 171 for nine declared (Bye 55) and 114 for one.

Deauville, Aug. 12. Rae Johnstone, first jockey to M. Marcel Boussac, is free to choose mounts, which means that although he is under contract to M. Boussac until the end of the year he may, if he wishes, ride for another owner during that time.

This follows a statement by M. Boussac's racing manager, M. Francois de Brignac, which said, "M. Boussac has made the following arrangements in regard to jockeys for his horses in 1953."

"Jacques Doyanbere will ride both in France and in England horses trained by C. Semblat."

Charles Elliott will ride, both in France and in England, horses trained by G. H. Glynn. It has been agreed between M. Boussac and Johnstone that the latter is now free to choose his principal mounts.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STARS AGAIN BEAT BRITISH PAIR

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong's table tennis team of Sit Sul-chor, Keung Wing-ning and Fu Ki-fong last night led the Colony into her greatest sports triumph since her entry into international competition.

In just under four hours of world-class table tennis at the Southern Playground Stadium they defeated the two-man England team of former World Champions, Johnny Leach and Richard Bergmann, by three matches to one. The fifth match was unnecessary.

Leach and Bergmann will continue their exhibition series in Hongkong tonight by taking part in a knockout tournament which will have Hongkong's Sit Sul-chor, Keung Wing-ning, Fu Ki-fong and Cheng Koi-wing as the other entries.

SPECTACULAR RUEL Sit Sul-chor gave Hongkong the lead with an impressive 14-21, 21-10, 21-14 and 21-16 repeat triumph over Bergmann in the opening match.

It was a spectacular duel between the lightning offence of Sit and the brilliant defence of Bergmann, with offence gaining the day.

Sit was shaky in the first set, sending his shots repeatedly over or into the net to allow Bergmann to lead 7-4, 13-12, and 10-14, before scoring five points in a row for the set.

The second set was a close struggle all the way, with Sit gaining greater accuracy in his smashes. From 13-14, Sit forged on to 18-14 with a series of drives, but at 19-15 Bergmann retrieved as he forced his opponent to smash out and caught up to 19-19.

Bergmann, however, sent out a backhand return, and Sit completed the set with a barrage of smashes. The third set went to 9-9, before Sit broke through Bergmann's defence to lead 11-10, 16-10, and 18-14.

A drop and two smashes gave Sit the third set, 21-10, 21-13, and 21-10. Keung Wing-ning (HK) beat R. Bergmann (England) 7-21, 21-10, 21-16, 21-18.

TODAY'S GAMES

Keung Wing-ning v R. Bergmann; J. Leach v Fu Ki-fong; Sit Sul-chor v winner of Keung-Bergmann match; Cheng Kwok-wing v winner of Leach-Fu match; Sit, Keung or Fu v Richard Bergmann.

Leach's strong all-round play earned him a comfortable 21-23, 21-10, 21-13 and 21-15 win over Keung Wing-ning. Leach's defence was more constructive and time and again gave him openings for kills.

From 11-11 in the first set, Leach went ahead to a 17-12 lead, but Hongkong's bouncing player came back with a series of gallant retrieves to level the score at 17-17, 18-18, 19-19, 20-20 and 21-21. Keung got through with a smash and Leach then drove out to give the set to Keung.

Leach had the measure of his opponent in the remaining three sets and, cleverly varying his strokes and using his accurate attack to complete the points, led all the way in all the three sets.

The doubles match was another one in which offence was pitted against defence. Sit was off and on but, a typical attacking player, he was unstoppable when he got going.

Fu was the "releaser" of the Hongkong combination and on the night's performance the best of the four.

Though brilliant in their defence and forcing their opponents to fall into a number of errors with their underpin, both Bergmann and Leach found the Hongkong pair faster on the move and accurate with their continuous attacking strokes.

85-MINUTE MATCH The Keung versus Bergmann singles match—lasted fully 85 minutes, with both players resorting to safe tactics and waiting patiently for the sure kills.

Bergmann's forehand cross-court drives brought him the majority of his points in the first four sets, but in the deciding set, these repeatedly bounced off the cord of the net to drop away from the table.

Keung's gallant retrieving was again prominent. After losing the first set easily by 7-21, he struck his form in the second set when at 10-19 he took five points in a row to win by 21-16.

The third set saw Keung taking an initial lead of 4-2 and

holding it to 10-12 and 17-13, when a decision by the umpire was protested by Bergmann.

The ball hit the side of the table on Bergmann's side but Bergmann protested that he had touched the table in his attempt to retrieve the shot. The point was awarded to him, but Keung took the set at 21-15, including three good smashes among his point-winning strokes.

Bergmann easily won the fourth set, but in the deciding fifth set he fell into a series of initial errors to let Keung run away with a 6-3, 11-3 and 14-0 lead.

Bergmann made a strong attempt to stem the tide and succeeded in drawing up to 17-18.

Amidst great excitement, Keung struck the edge of the table for his 19th point, but his next drive bounced off the net and Keung scored the winning point with a follow-up drop shot to win the set and match for Hongkong.

THE RESULTS (In order of play) Sit Sul-chor (HK) beat R. Bergmann (England) 14-21, 21-10, 21-14, 21-16. Keung Wing-ning (HK) lost to J. Leach (England) 23-21, 16-21, 21-13, 15-21.

Fu Ki-fong and Sit Sul-chor (HK) beat J. Leach and R. Bergmann (England) 21-10, 21-10, 21-13, 21-10.

Keung Wing-ning (HK) beat R. Bergmann (England) 7-21, 21-10, 21-16, 21-18.

Keung Wing-ning v R. Bergmann; J. Leach v Fu Ki-fong; Sit Sul-chor v winner of Keung-Bergmann match; Cheng Kwok-wing v winner of Leach-Fu match; Sit, Keung or Fu v Richard Bergmann.

England's loss in the night came to Johnny Leach who accounted for current Hongkong Champion Keung Wing-ning in four sets.

Ex-Shanghai Bowlers To Play HKCC

A three-rink triples lawn bowls match will be held at Chatter Road on Saturday, August 16, at 3.30 p.m. between a team of ex-Shanghai residents and the Hongkong Cricket Club.

The match, which is the first of its kind to be played between members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, will be in the nature of a miniature Interport within the HKCC.

The challenge was issued by the ex-Shanghai residents.

Teams selected are as follows: Shanghai—B. E. Wallwork, T. W. R. Wilson, A. L. Roberts, S. C. Smith, D. Marshall, F. Marshall, G. B. Black, A. S. Mitchell, A. Harvey, Hongkong—T. C. Fahrum, E. J. R. Mitchell, W. Rogers, W. J. Rogers, R. A. Edwards, R. H. Wild, F. D. Angus, L. M. S. Lloyd, W. Williamson.

Any Shanghai player unable to play is requested to notify Mr. F. Marshall, Telephone 35712. Hongkong players unable to take part in the match are requested to contact Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, Telephone 32309.

THE semi-finals of the Crickengower Cricket Club Intra-Club Rinkas Competition will be played off on Sunday, August 17, at 4 p.m.

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THE GAMBOLE



THE FAMILY OF FOUR GOLD MEDALS



Emil Zatopek, the Czech long distance running marvel, and his wife Dana, javelin thrower, photographed during a meal at the Olympic village of Otaniemi. They won four Gold Medals between them at Helsinki. — Central Press Photo.

TODAY'S CHILDREN MAY GROW UP TO MAKE ZATOPEK LOOK SLOW

Says CHAPMAN PINCHER

More than 60 athletes, several of them British, have broken existing Olympic records at this year's Games in Helsinki.

Never before have so many astonishing performances of skill, speed, and endurance been packed into one athletic meeting.

The first eight men in the 1,500 metres race all ran faster than any Olympic competitor before. In the women's long jump the first nine all broke the previous record.

The Czech runner Emil Zatopek knocked 42 seconds off the best time for the 10,000 metres and nearly six minutes off the Marathon time.

What is the explanation for this new record in record-breaking? Is the human body evolving into a more efficient athletic machine?

Today's young athletes are considerably taller than their parents were at their age.

They are reaching their full height before they are 21—often at 17 in the case of women. Two generations back men and women did not reach their full stature until they were about 20.

This change must give sprinters and jumpers an advantage by increasing their stride at a time when their bodies are at the peak of efficiency as running machines.

But it cannot account for the performance of the older endurance runners like 30-year-old Zatopek, because the modern athlete does not achieve a greater maximum height than his grandfather. He merely reaches it sooner.

Nor can height account for the new records in events like the javelin throw, discus, shot put, and pole vault, which depend mainly on skill.

There are two other more convincing explanations in my view:—

1. Greatly improved methods of training.

2. The fact that far more people are taking part in competitive athletics.

TRAINING

Sir Arthur Porritt, the famous surgeon and Oxford running blue who has just returned from Helsinki, is convinced that coaches are now getting much more out of their athletes by using better methods.

Carefully planned programmes of training are producing profound effects on the body.

Examples: The bloodflow through the muscles of an untrained man is about five times greater during exercise than when he is at rest. After training it may be nine times greater.

An average man can make use of about two and a half pints of oxygen per minute in an all-out run. A trained athlete can use up to seven pints.

New information about diet has improved the performance of long-distance runners who now know that their endurance will be greater on a starchy diet than on food rich in fats.

COMPETITION

The findings of scientists will have a still greater effect in the future, but I believe that the overriding reason for this year's crop of records is the fact that far more people are competing in athletic events.

Zatopek's history shows that there must be scores of people who could be equally outstanding athletes but never know it because they do not try.

The Czech, three gold medals winner, ran the first race of his life under protest at the Bata Shoe factory sports when he was 18—and won.

As more and more youngsters try their skill on the track the number of athletes who reach Olympic standard must increase.

And as competition for a place in an Olympic team intensifies, every athlete is spurred on to improve.

In Britain, top-notch athletes like McDonald Bailey are greatly handicapped because they have no one to run against while training.

As interest in competitive sports spreads among the nations, records should be broken repeatedly before the limits of human physical performance are reached.

HIGH-JUMP

I have seen a scientific film in which several men jumped considerably higher than the Olympic record high jump of 6ft. 8½ins.

They were men of the African Waikiki tribe, many of whom are more than 7ft. tall and who practise high-jumping as a tribal sport.

(London Express Service)

Finns Did A Good Job

Says LORD BURGHLEY

London, Aug. 12.

Lord Burghley, Chairman of the British Olympic Association, said here tonight that Finland's organisation of the 1952 Games was "first-class" and the event was "a great success."

He said: "We can say confidently that they have made a notable contribution to bringing the young people of the world together, and not only the young people but the millions of the sporting public throughout the world."

"They will, I believe, go on from strength to strength, and at Melbourne in 1956 and at future Games not only will they continue to provide superlative performances but, too, will play a significant part in creating that understanding and goodwill among mankind which is a true foundation stone on which a lasting peace must be built."

AN APPEAL

Lord Burghley, former champion hurdler, who was broadcasting in the BBC home service, urged British local authorities to provide greater facilities for sport.

He said that Britain had only 70 tracks for 60,000,000 people, while Finland had 600 for about 4,000,000.

He said that "by and large" Britain could be satisfied that her athletes had "a very good all-round build."

It was encouraging that so many Britons who did well were still young and would not reach their prime for three or four years, he said.

KEN SMITH Show Talking

Nimmi Goes Home Without Getting Her Toes Tickled

LONDON. NIMMI, the 19-year-old Indian girl who has more fame than any Hollywood star—50,000 people waited 24 hours in Bombay to see the Indian premiere of her latest picture, "Aan," showing in England recently—poured me a cup of tea and looked sad as she told me the story of her life.

This fabulous star, who makes six pictures at the same time at a salary of £7,500 each and owns five cars, sat calmly with her five chaperones as we talked.

She wore a white crepe de Chine sarwar (pantaloon), gold thread khamis (shirt-type top-coat) and a white chifon dupatta (draped veil). Her long black hair was tied in a silk handkerchief, English-style. The long fingernails on her long slim fingers were blood-red. So were her toe-nails. And so was her lipstick.

Her long black eyelashes flickered. She said: "I fly from Bombay. I am 10 days in London. I see only Hyde Park. Always I am film premiere, always photographs, always visits to Indians. It is the same as I am back home."

"Home" is Marine-drive, the "Park-lane" of Bombay where Nimmi (Punjabi for "petite")

lives secluded with her grandmother. Nimmi (her real name is Nawab-bano, "but it is too long for the advertising; anyway granny calls me Baba") refused a cigarette.

No kiss in public

"WE do not smoke, in India and, before you ask me, as all the English papers must ask me, we do not kiss in public. The intimates are for the home. It is what not seeing creates a longing."

"I have never been kissed—ever. Well, only a Papa kiss from Mehmood" (Mr. Mehmood Khan, producer of "Aan").

She shook her long hair. Her intricately-carved earrings glittered and she gently fingered the bridge of her nose and screwed up her eyes. She has been in films nearly four years.

What about romance? Nimmi waved her hands and the gold bracelets on her slim wrists glittered. "Not yet. I am married to my work. Perhaps one day, but it will have to be a poulti—quick! And then I make no more pictures."

Of her visit to Britain? "They don't leave me. I work, work, work. All I see, I see from here and from the car."

Had she been to any clubs or parties? "No I can't dance. I don't know how. Perhaps one day you teach me. Yes!"

As I rose to leave she said: "Thank you. You are only the three-times man who come to see me."

Who were the others? "One is Mr. Douglas Fairbanks. He talk to me of in-

dian ballet. The other is Mr. Errol Flynn. He admire my little feet. He ask permission to tickle my toes. I say no."

I rose, said "Goodbye"—and shook her hand.

More terrifying

IN his newest film with love-ly Linda Darnell, Black-beard the Pirate, Robert Newton roars and rants as the rough, tough pirate. To smooth the passage of pirate oaths past the censor the script-writer put them all into Welsh. That way they sound more terrifying.

Now Robert is busy trying to get his tongue round "lleddradidd, brodychas, llechgwyv, twyllu."

For the uninitiated that frightening sentence merely means "thieves, rogues, vagabonds, deceivers."

No more Garbo

GRETA GARBO has told a friend in Paris that she has decided never to make another film. I hope she doesn't.

She is 46, her hair is tinted purple and she is still beautiful. Perhaps she would be an even better actress now than she was 10 years ago when she made her last picture *Two Faced Woman*.

But she is more than a film star—she is a legend. Could even Garbo act well enough to prevent the shattering of a myth?

I doubt it.

How beastly?

HEALING STUDIO chief Sir Michael Balcan has taken a problem on holiday: how beastly can he be to the Japs? He has bought Neville Shute's best-seller, *A Town Called Alice*, which deals with the torture and crucifixion in Jap prison camp of the Australian hero.

Now that we are at peace with Japan Sir Michael must seek advice from the British and US authorities on how far he can go.

Careful, Mr Kelly

THERE is a large house in Hollywood where the front door is always open and the rooms are crowded with showpeople talking, discussing music or rehearsing intricate dance steps. Outside others play volleyball.

Gene Kelly, the owner, now has a home in St. John's Wood, London.

While he will be missed by his friends in Hollywood, he intends to keep open house here—but his studio hopes that he won't play much volleyball—he once broke a leg playing the game.

Gene is busy rehearsing for his new film at Elstree, *Impitation to the Dance*, four dialogue-less stories told by singing and dancing.

Encores

BIG BREAK for Peter Martyn, 27-year-old ex-Guards officer, in Frank Launder's *Folly to Be Wise*, starring All-star Slim.

Peter, who made a big name on television in the US, says: "I've never had a break on TV over here. I'm always told I'm too tall."

Are British television screens a different size? FILM STAR Issur Danielovitch, whose parents emigrated to America from Russia 30 years ago, is to tour Europe on behalf of the United Nations to tell us the wonders of America. But he won't be billed as Issur Danielovitch. He calls himself Kirk Douglas now.

Discus Record

LONDON, Aug. 12. Nina Romaschkova, the Olympic Champion, set up a world record of 53.01 metres for the women's discus at an athletic meeting at Odessa yesterday, according to Moscow Radio.

Miss Romaschkova is a 20-year-old student teacher. The previous record of 52.27 metres was set by a fellow Russian, Nina Dumbadze, at Gory last year.

Mrs Dumbadze, who trained Miss Romaschkova, finished third in the Olympic Games—Reuter.

Bobbie Miller Wants Middleweight Title Fight

Now York, Aug. 13. Sammy Burns, Manager of the South African middleweight, Bobbie Miller, announced today that he had submitted Miller's name to the British Boxing Board as contender for the vacant title of Middleweight Champion of the British Empire.

The title was vacated on Monday by the death of Australia's Dave Sands. —United Press.



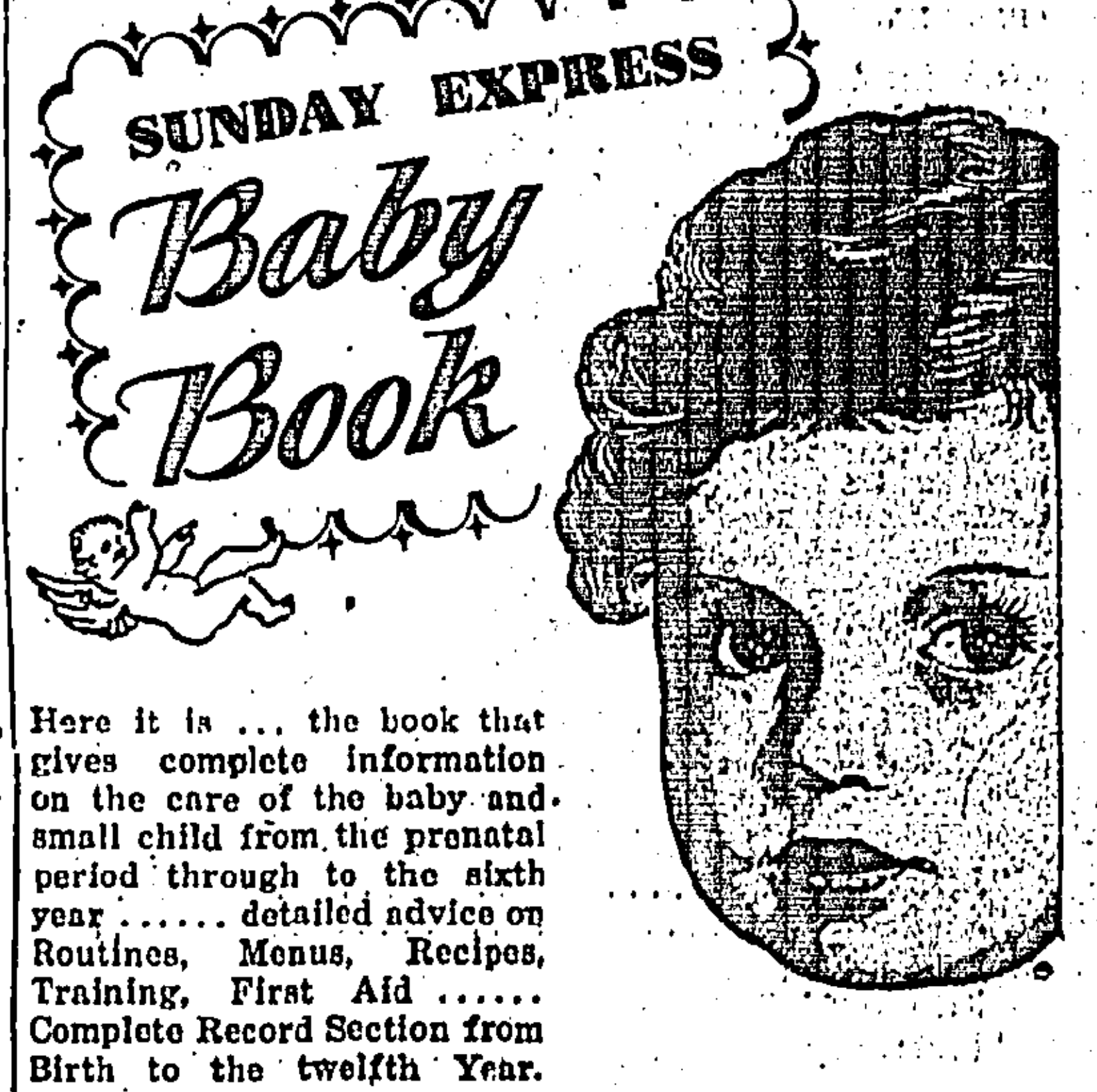
Nimmi, the 19-year-old star of the fabulous Indian film "Aan" arriving at London Airport from Bombay for the London premiere of the film.



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LOOSENING - UP



Tommy Brown (hitter) and Stan Aldous (keeper) of the Leyton Orient Football Club find baseball is a very good method of getting into trim for the resumption of soccer. —Central Press Photo.

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United States Is Short Of Doctors, Commission Says

Washington, Aug. 12. The President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation was told today that thousands more dentists, nurses and medical assistants are needed to care for the American people. Summaries of panel discussions held during the last two months by 21 medical, military and lay experts were presented at the opening of a two-day session by the Commission.

The panel summaries indicated that the exact shortage of trained people, including physicians and surgeons, depends upon how U.S. medical care is organized.

Proposing a plan for doing this is one purpose of the Commission. President Truman appointed its members last December. He has been advocating a national compulsory health insurance plan. The Commission was told to study the facts and present a programme for "safeguarding and improving the health of the nation."

The American Medical Association, opposed to what it calls "socialized medicine," has described the appointment of the Truman Commission an act of "political expediency." The resolution adopted by AMA convention delegates last June emphasized that this is a Presidential campaign year.

NOT ENOUGH

The panel summaries estimated that about 3,000 dentists are being turned out each year, but around 3,400 are needed to maintain the proportion of dentists to total population at its present level.

They also estimated that thousands more nurses are needed each year than are trained, and said the American Hospital Association has reported 47,000 job vacancies in such fields as laboratory technicians, occupational therapy, X-ray technicians and hospital administration.

It was estimated that less than one-half of Americans seek dental care each year. Members of the dental panel agreed that "adequate" dental care is not available to all citizens.—Associated Press.

Returning To Normal Base

Nicosia, Aug. 12. Three British warships, the aircraft carrier *Glory*, the cruiser *Cleopatra*, and the minelayer *Massena*, sailed from Cyprus today for their normal base at Malta.

Glory and *Cleopatra*, which arrived here at the end of July from Turkey, were among the warships which sailed for Cyprus when the Egyptian political crisis developed.

Three British destroyers, *Cheviot*, *Chivalrous*, and *Chevron*, are still lying off Famagusta.—Reuter.

SHIPPING RISK RATES DOWN

London, Aug. 12. The Institute of London Underwriters has announced a number of reductions in war and strike, riot and civil commotion shipping risk rates.

A rate of two shillings for £100 is now quoted for voyages to, from or between ports in the Black Sea and Turkey, Indo-China and Siam. Previously, three shillings per £100 was quoted for the Black Sea (except Turkey) Indo-China and Siam.—Reuter.

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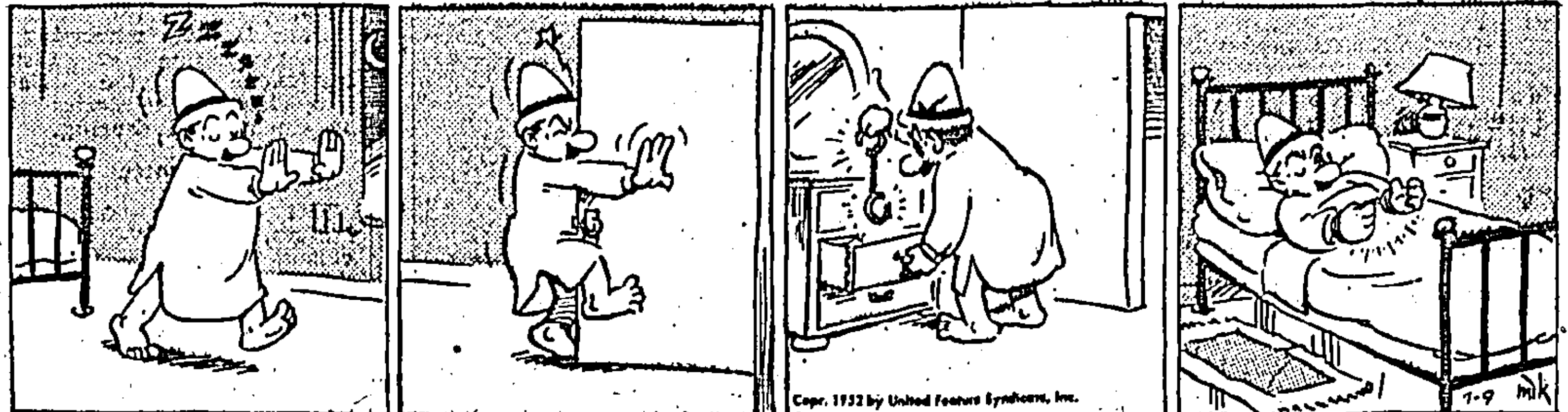
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A report on the problem, based on researches in Sweden, has been circulated among business chiefs by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in London.

"Miss Smith," the average typist, says this report, uses enough pressure in one day to shift 1,200 tons of coal. This is because she uses a pressure of 10lb. on each key as she taps 400 times a minute. "Standard typewriters require only about 14 ounces pressure," says the report. "The average typist is therefore using 20 times more energy than necessary."

DOCTORS' VIEWS

"Doctors confirm that there is more typists' cramp, caused by unnecessary straining of wrist and arm."

One remedy, according to the report, is to train girls on a special typewriter which flashes a warning red light when more pressure than necessary is used. "Experienced typists can be given a course to develop a lighter touch on the typewriter, the report adds."

Seoul Inauguration

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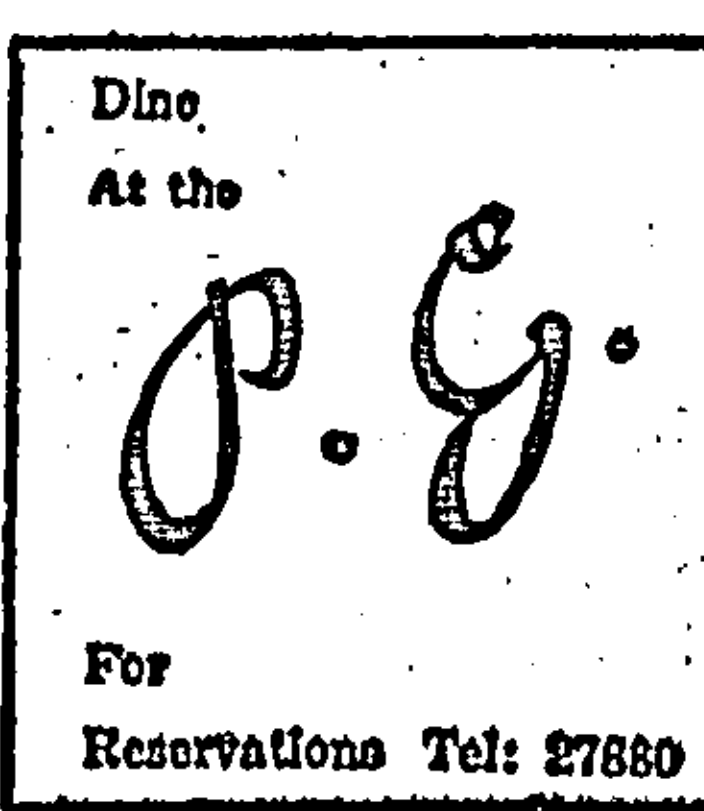
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Steel Mills Recovering

New York, Aug. 12. The nation's steel mills are making a fast recovery after the paralyzing 55-day nationwide strike and are expected to operate at 95.4 per cent of rated capacity this week, the American Iron and Steel Institute said today.

Japanese Exporters' Complaint

Tokyo, Aug. 12. More items which have just been decontrolled by Washington for export to Communist China from Japan, are unwanted goods, official circles stated today.

Trade Ministry circles, while welcoming Washington's agreement to lift the ban on additional items—agar agar, chemical fibre goods, mosquito incense and pyrethrum—said that these are precisely the items which the Chinese Communists do not wish to buy.

They hoped to obtain lifting of the ban on articles such as chemical fertilisers and medicines, in addition to the already decontrolled four items—woolen goods, spinning machines, paper and dyestuffs—and add that they would do their best in another similar US-Japan conference to be held in Tokyo shortly.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry will open applications for export of new items upon confirmation of the agreement from Washington.

MISSION TO P.I.
The economic daily Nihon Keizai reported today that a four-man mission of the Japan Steel Tube Company will visit the Philippines on Aug. 15 to investigate iron ore resources.

The company had been negotiating for the construction of a steel rolling mill in the Philippines at the request of the Philippine President's brother, George Quirino.

YARN OUTPUT

A total of 144 Japanese spinning companies produced 39,921,000 pounds of cotton yarn in July, the Japan Cotton Spinning Association said today.

The figure represented an increase of 2,073,887 pounds over June.

The announcement stated, however, that cotton cloth production decreased in July by 1,019,035 yards from June to 90,334,046 yards.

Cotton yarn and waste fibre yarn output in July totalled 61,075,450 pounds.

Operable cotton spinning machines at the end of July numbered 6,948,093 spindles—an increase of 158,004 spindles over the previous month.

France-Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

There was a sharp decrease in the volume of business done on the Stock Exchange this morning, only \$50,166 worth of shares changing hands. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSBC Bank 1400
East Asia 141

INSURANCES
Union 740 741 10 @ 745
HSBC Fire 134 140

SHIPPING

Asia Nav 1,071 200 @ 1.70

DOCKS, ETC.

HSBC Hotel 60
N. P. Wharf 80
Dock 10:50
Providence 2240
S'nal Dock 1,071 200 @ 1.70

LAND, ETC.

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Four-Year Plan For Haiphong Port Rebuilding

Haiphong, Aug. 12. Jean Pallier is working hard to rebuild the war-damaged port of Haiphong up to its pre-war capacity, but he would like to see a brand new one built at a cost of around \$25,000,000.

M. Pallier is the director of this vital port of entry for the millions of dollars' worth of American war supplies and equipment pouring in to help the French Union forces win the war against the Communist-led Vietminh in Indo-China.

He says that what is really needed is for the port of Haiphong to shift itself eastward toward the Bay of Along, for facilities here, even at their best, cannot handle the rapidly growing demands for shipping and outgoing ships.

Today, Haiphong port has only five or six good tie-up points for ships. That means many vessels have to wait for days to get in, unload and re-load.

But all American ships carrying war material come first. M. Pallier said every facility possible is promptly made available to these vessels and there are no port charges against them.

Shifting sands and unstable land seem to rule out any possibility of ever really expanding Haiphong port, for it is hard to find a spot to make a wharf or tie-up point here.

Thus, M. Pallier thinks it would eventually be wiser to look for a new spot on former land for a new port of Haiphong eastward in the Bay of Along.

CONSTANT DREDGING
Now ships have to come into Haiphong up the Song Cuu Cam River which always presents difficulties for constant dredging is required to keep the river clear of sandbars and impediments to navigation.

M. Pallier estimated that 5,000,000,000 Indo-Chinese piastres (\$25,000,000) would be needed to construct a first-class, up-to-date port for Haiphong.

But that is a dream for the future. He has no idea where to get the money for it. But he has asked for aid in the form of mechanical equipment from the American Mutual Security Administration.

Today M. Pallier said, the port authority is spending 45,000,000 piastres annually alone for the dredging of the Cuu Cam River.

He said the port is receiving 80,000,000 piastres annually from the French Government and no aid for port works has yet been received from the United States.

QUICK LOADING
M. Pallier said 200,000,000 piastres would be needed just to put Haiphong port back to its pre-war condition within the next four years. He added that another 225,000,000 piastres are needed to modernize and expand the port's facilities wherever possible.

The port director said 600 technical workers and 800 to 1,800 other workers, including stevedores, now work in Haiphong.

M. Pallier said that because of the acute lack of unloading space, ships are required to discharge or take on their cargo in September or October. Prices closed today as follows:

September 20.25 bid
October 20.25 nominal
November 20.25
December 20.25 nominal
January (1953) 20.25 nominal
February 20.25 bid
March 20.25 nominal
April 20.25 nominal
May 20.25 bid
June 20.25 nominal
July 20.25 nominal
August 20.25 bid
September 20.25 nominal
October 20.25 bid
November 20.25 nominal
December 20.25 bid
Spot 20.25

LONDON MARKET
London, Aug. 12. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, 20 1/2-1/2
September 20 1/2-1/2
October 20 1/2-1/2
November 20 1/2-1/2
December 20 1/2-1/2
January/June 20 1/2-1/2

Grain Prices Advance

Chicago, Aug. 12. Grain futures joined the majority of commodities in a higher trend stemming mostly from the strength of vegetable oils. Wheat closed 1/4 to 1/2 higher and soybeans were 3/4 to 1/2 higher. Prices closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel
Spot 2.27 1/2-1/2
September 2.27 1/2-1/2
October 2.27 1/2-1/2
November 2.27 1/2-1/2
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